

REPORT OF
PRESIDENT OF LINDENWOOD COLLEGE
TO
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FEBRUARY 27, 1953

This midyear report will direct attention briefly to student achievement of the year and some problems before Lindenwood College today.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Total enrollment the second semester including all special students is 350. The work of the Director of Social Activities has been markedly successful. The increased participation in the social life on the week-ends has not interfered with good work in the classroom. For this last semester we had the highest percentage of the student body winning a place on the Dean's Honor Roll that we have had in recent years, and although we have more students than we had last year, we had but eleven students placed on probation as compared with twenty at the end of the first semester of the year 1951-52. Six students made a grade point average of 4.0 at the end of this semester and the grade point average by classes is:

	<u>1952-53</u>	<u>1951-52</u>
Seniors	3.33	3.12
Juniors	2.99	2.39
Sophomores	2.83	2.70
Freshmen	<u>2.42</u>	<u>2.42</u>
Average	2.89	2.66
Median	2.60	

Among the students accepted as candidates for Woodrow Wilson Fellowships in the district including Missouri, three were from the Senior Class at Lindenwood College, this being the largest number to come from any one institution in the entire district including the state of Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana.

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DEAN OF THE FACULTY AND DEAN OF THE CHAPEL

Dean Paulena Nickell and Dr. Theodore A. Gill, Dean of the Chapel, are to be formally installed at the college the morning of Thursday, April 16, at 10:00. Dean Nickell is giving effective leadership to the faculty and effective counseling to the students and has won a significant place in the life of the community immediately. She has been holding conferences with department heads and discussing with each one immediate needs and problems and five year plans. Dr. Gill has made a profound impression not only upon our own student body but upon Presbyterian congregations as he has appeared in several churches in the area. He is a great preacher and enthusiastic and happy in his work as a teacher.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Under the sponsorship of the Board of Christian Education a workshop for men and women of the Synod was held on the Lindenwood campus this month.

Our Board of Christian Education promoted the work of the colleges and the Westminster Foundations at the meeting of the National Council of Presbyterian Men in Chicago three weeks ago. The President of Lindenwood presented the claims of the colleges at one of the popular meetings and two panels answered questions and discussed the problems of the colleges at the smaller group meetings throughout the two and a half day program.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Attention is directed to the fact that the income of the college from sources other than endowment is equal to or is greater than was anticipated in the revised estimate of income except in the matter of gifts, and the income from endowment is running well above the income at this time last year. It appears likely that our total income from endowment this year will be approximately

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\$20,000 more than it was last year. Our total disbursements are running under the total for last year at this time. The cost of the operation of the dining to February 15 is about \$12,000 less than on the corresponding date last year.

FINANCIAL PROMOTION

The effort of the college to attract financial support for operations is being directed by a committee of the Board seeking to secure gifts to pay the over all deficit this year and by an appeal to the churches of Missouri for gifts outside the regular benevolence budget amounting to \$1.00 a member, such gifts to be distributed equally among the four Presbyterian colleges in the State, and by the work of the Missouri College Joint Fund Committee, Inc.

It is difficult to see how adequate support may come to our colleges through the appropriations of the Board of Christian Education. The Presbyterians are giving about 13¢ per member annually at a time when it is generally known that our colleges are facing real emergencies. Every one of them will have a deficit this year. Many of them will meet that deficit by gifts from alumni and friends, but the total of the deficits of the forty-three colleges related to our church will amount to \$500,000.

The southern Presbyterians are giving 40¢ a member to their colleges, the Baptists 60¢. A committee of our Board of Christian Education has made a study of the giving of approximately twelve Protestant bodies and finds we are giving much less to our colleges than anyone else. The Board hopes, however, to bring the gifts to each college up to \$20,000 annually.

The Missouri College Joint Fund Committee is now incorporated. The work of Mr. Thomas H. Cobbs in securing a pro forma decree is deeply appreciated.

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Solicitation of support of the Missouri College Joint Fund Committee, Inc. is not to interfere with the possible effort of any Board member in developing interests in his own institution and certain businesses which have already indicated an interest in an individual college will not be solicited by the Committee. Our organization now stands ready to cooperate in a national appeal which will be formulated in April at a meeting in Cincinnati of representatives of several such groups.

BEQUESTS

Notice of two bequests have recently been received at the college, one of which will come to us within the year from a relatively small estate in Illinois, and the other which will be held in trust for an heir and come to the college some years hence.

STUDENT PROMOTION

We have fifty-three more students enrolled for next year than we had on this date last year. This is about a 35% increase. We do not believe this can be maintained, but we do believe that we shall have an increase in enrollment next year.

ALUMNAE CONCERTS

Alumnae of the college have been invited back on our artists' series this year and have proved the most popular of these efforts. Alumnae who have appeared to date are:

Lucette Stumberg Flanigan
Harriette Ann Gray
Marjorie Moehlenkamp Finlay.

GIFTS

Appreciation for gifts to the college during the year should be expressed to:

John T. Garrett for a gift of \$500.

Howard I. Young for a gift of ten shares of American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co. Preferred Stock.

Richard Righter for a gift of \$500

Wesley Mellow for a gift of \$100

Hess & Culbertson Jewelry Co. for a gift of \$100

Second Presbyterian Church for a gift of \$100

Bank of St. Louis for a gift of \$1,000

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the faculty recommendations for the awarding of honorary degrees be approved.

It is recommended that faculty salaries be increased next year in amounts agreed upon by the President of the Board and the President of the College with the understanding that the total expenditure for faculty salaries not be more than \$5,000 in excess of similar expenditures this year.

This would bring our faculty salaries to the following schedule and it is recommended that this schedule be approved by the Board:

Instructor	\$3,000 to \$3,450
Assistant Professor	3,250 to 3,800
Associate Professor	3,300 to 4,200
Professor	3,800 to 5,000