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LINDENWOOD COLLEGE

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

to the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MAY 20, 1937

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
LINDENWOOD COLLEGE.

GENTLEMEN:

This is the twenty-third annual report of the present administration. For twenty-three years we have seen the College grow from an enrollment of less than 100 students to 546, including all special students. Twenty-three years ago the teaching faculty numbered 8 members, today 42. Twenty-three years ago two buildings were used for dormitory and educational purposes; today we have five buildings used for dormitory purposes only and three, including the Library, for educational purposes.

The campus has grown from 34 acres to 140 acres. From an investment of \$225,000, including campus buildings and equipment, we now have \$1,587,962.41. From an invested endowment of \$28,000, we now have \$1,885,352.01, excluding residuary legacies of \$317,185 and Mrs. Lulu C. Peters' recent bequest, which may reach approximately \$75,000.

Summing up the financial results - our property interests, endowments, residuary legacies, etc. today amount to \$3,865,499.41, against a property and endowment interest twenty-three years ago amounting to \$253,000, leaving a net gain of \$3,612,499.41. There is no mortgage indebtedness. At last Finance Committee meeting \$28,000 was reported as borrowed from bank.

I - THE STUDENT BODY

1. Enrollment

TOTAL ENROLLMENT FOR THE YEAR 1936-1937

Regular Students:

Seniors-----	30
Juniors-----	31
Sophomores-----	119
Freshmen-----	<u>261</u>

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Special Students:

College or Academic-----	4
Music: Private Lessons -----	11
Class Piano-----	2

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Physical Education (Swimming)---	69
Bible Leadership Training-----	22
Total	<u>108</u>
Duplicates	<u>3</u>
Net Total	<u>105</u>

Grand Total 546

Thirty-one (31) regular students withdrew during the year.  
Twelve (12) regular students entered at the beginning of the second semester.

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Resident Students-----	415 406 (includes 2 College Specials)
Day Students (Regular)-----	36 37
Day Students (Special)-----	74 103
Total	525 546

CHURCH ENROLLMENT FOR THE YEAR 1936-1937

Presbyterian-----	138
Methodist-----	84
Episcopal-----	56
Baptist-----	33
Christian-----	23
Catholic-----	23
Lutheran-----	20
Congregational-----	17
Jewish-----	15
Evangelical-----	9
Christian Science-----	8
Community-----	3
Unitarian-----	2
Disciples of Christ-----	1
Divine Science-----	1
Greek Orthodox-----	1
Quaker-----	1
No Preference Indicated-----	6
Total	441

(No special students are included in this list)

ENROLLMENT BY STATES FOR THE YEAR 1936-37

Arkansas-----	34
Colorado-----	7
Connecticut-----	2
Idaho-----	3
Illinois-----	65
Indiana-----	27
Iowa-----	22
Kansas-----	41
Kentucky-----	13

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Louisiana-----	1
Minnesota-----	1
Mississippi-----	1
Missouri-----	227
Montana-----	2
Nebraska-----	19
New Mexico-----	4
North Dakota-----	1
Ohio-----	3
Oklahoma-----	52
Tennessee-----	1
Texas-----	13
West Virginia-----	1
Wisconsin-----	1
Wyoming-----	3
Mexico-----	1
Peru-----	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>546</b>

24 states  
Mexico  
Peru

(This list includes all special students)

**2. Health**

The health of the students during the year has been remarkable. No case of serious sickness was reported. For the first time in several years, not a single appendix operation was performed, nor was there a single contagious disease.

**3. Scholarship**

From an educational standpoint we have also had a very satisfactory year. The Registrar submits the following statistics of scholarship standing of the classes:

E-----	10.22%
S-----	30.77%
M-----	46.72%
I-----	9.07%
F-----	1.59%
Cond., Inc. Drop-----	1.63%
	<u>100.00%</u>

(Standing after first semester)

The Registrar also gives us the scholarship of students admitted to the College from their various high schools:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
Upper Third	147	60.25%
Middle Third	73	29.92%
Lower Third	24	9.83%
	<u>244</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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#### 4. Achievements

We are very proud of the attainments of our students in the various departments.

The English department is very much gratified over the success of Miss Bette Hurwich, who received the first prize in a Freshman essay contest participated in by many of the colleges and universities throughout the country. Her subject was, "The Weary Alien". The prize was \$50.00 in cash and a summer scholarship to Bread Loaf College of English, Middlebury, Vermont. The other eight of the nine entrants from Lindenwood College were given honorable mention. In recognition of the excellent preparation given the contestants from Lindenwood the ATLANTIC MONTHLY conferred upon Miss Winifred Burns of our faculty a scholarship to Bread Loaf College for the summer.

Another student in the English department, Miss Johnsie Flock, in a poetry contest sponsored by William Jewell College and open to colleges and universities in Missouri, Kansas and Iowa, received second prize.

In the Physical Education department our girls took first place with an advantage of three points in a Missouri college and university Field Day, held at Columbia, Mo.

In the recent Horse Show in St. Louis several prizes were awarded our students. Over 100 students are taking horse-back riding, which is given one hour of credit by the Physical Education department. We own no horses, but use the horses of the St. Charles Riding Academy, under the direction of O. L. Dapron, head and owner of the Academy.

#### II. - THE FACULTY

We have to report only one change in the personnel of our faculty. Dr. Ralph T. Case, of the Bible chair, resigned at the end of the first semester to accept a pastorate in Oklahoma. We were fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Lloyd B. Harmon, who came to us from Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa.

Miss Alice Parker, of the English department on leave, will remain at Yale University another year, having been awarded an Honorary Fellowship for distinguished work in attaining her doctorate degree. She was one of two women selected for special work. Dr. Siegmund A. E. Betz will continue in her place at Lindenwood for another year.

Miss Ellen Thomsen of Copenhagen, Denmark, a noted teacher of dancing in her country, gave us one week of her time while on a year's furlough to America. She was enthusiastically received by the students of the Physical Education department.

A slight increase in the salaries of all of the teachers was imperative, which will add about \$7,000 to the budget. We remember, with a very great deal of pride, the cooperation of the faculty during the days of depression, when all stood by their positions and took the heavy cuts made at that time. We are trying to gradually restore the old salaries, if possible.

We have established this year what we call "The Teachers' Research Scholarship Fund". We are insisting upon our faculty keeping right up to date in educational lines. Some have felt the requirements for advanced work in our colleges and universities during the

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summer were too heavy a drain upon their purses. The purpose of the Scholarship is to require a teacher, at least once in five years, to enter some university or other accredited institution for the summer for research work in her department. The grant made is \$200.00. Ten grants have been made for the present year. Conditions are stipulated in the establishment of this particular fund. We feel we are going to get good results from this small investment each year taking over a part of the expenses of the requirements of our teachers.

### III. - ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Gipson, the Academic Dean, submits her annual report of the work of her department. The report accompanies this report.

Mrs. Roemer, Dean of Women, reports the work of the House Regents as very satisfactory. Mrs. Effie L. Roberts, who for twenty-three years has served us in a number of positions and for the most part as House Regent, was stricken with paralysis in November and had to be removed to her daughter's home in Philadelphia. She will not be able to return to her position. Mrs. Florence Kelly of Columbia, Mo. was appointed to her position.

Miss Ethel B. Cook, Bursar, and Miss Cora Waye, Assistant Bursar, have been most faithful in their respective positions, as has the President's secretary, Mrs. Agnes Zeisler.

Secretary Guy C. Motley has been indefatigable in his efforts to have one of the best enrollments for 1937-38. Early reports indicate he will be successful. Mr. Motley has held meetings of Lindenwood Alumnae in many parts of the country, which were largely attended. The loyalty of the old students is evidenced by the number of selected prospects they brought with them to these meetings. In every city visited many contracts were signed. His co-workers, the College Representatives on the field, have the same confidence, backed by signed contracts, that this next year will be our best.

We have taken a stand to trim the scholarship offers to the minimum, reducing we hope the budget by at least ten thousand dollars. The scholarship "evil", participated in by all colleges and universities, is telling on revenues and must cease, except in case of need, if endowed institutions of smaller resources are to meet present day educational requirements.

The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds has been very efficient in all of his work. The Board's Committee on Buildings and Grounds will make a report of the extra work that was done during the year.

The Dietitian's office has been faithfully presided over by Miss Cora B. Walter and her assistant, Miss Arabelle Foster. The great care and attention given by the boarding department to the students is shown in the general satisfactory result as expressed by the student body.

Mention must also be made of Miss Eva Sayre, a Registered Nurse, and her Assistant, who have been invaluable to the Infirmary for a number of years. Dr. Stumberg can give further testimony to their fidelity and capability.

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IV - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds will report in detail the improvements made since the last annual meeting.

The sprinkler system has been very satisfactory. It has given students and parents a feeling of security in case of fire.

The tunnel system has proven its merit since installation. Difficulties in the heating system are more quickly adjusted.

There is an apparent need of a new swimming pool at the earliest possible date. Plans are being made for a pool adequate to the demands. At present the pool in Butler Hall is entirely inadequate. It is 40x20 feet and the scores of students using it for Physical Education credit can hardly be accommodated. A pool 80x40 feet can be built back of Butler Hall to amply meet our requirements. I hope the Board may see its way clear to provide this necessity.

*Plans paid for and file at college*

It is our purpose this summer to rehabilitate our dormitories. For a number of years we have hesitated to do what ought to have been done to make our dormitories more inviting. The period of depression kept us within narrow financial limits. We believe now we can go forward and do the things needful. Possibly an extra expenditure of from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars will be necessary for what we contemplate doing this year, including a new filter house ordered by the Board.

We have been hoping that some of our Alumnae who have in mind the building of a Chapel would more generously respond. At present we have little substantial evidence of accomplishment.

A new dormitory may be a necessity in the near future.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Faculty recommendations for the granting of Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates at Commencement be approved as follows; on the condition that the candidates meet fully the requirements of the College for this recognition:

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BACHELOR OF ARTS DECREE

- |                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ackerman, Kathryn           | Keithly, Helen            |
| Bacon, Mary Lucille         | Martin, Erma              |
| Chandler, Jeanette Madaline | Morton, Katherine         |
| Coker, Evelyn Rue           | Osgood, Constance         |
| Duebbert, Ethel Marie       | Reitz, Alma               |
| Greer, Susan Jean           | Tyler, Mary Ruth          |
| Johnson, Sue Taliaferro     | Weary, Clara Frances      |
| Keck, Margaret T.           | Wilkerson, Susan Virginia |

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Ervin, Dorothy (Sociology)  
Hibbard, Kathryn Eleanor (Education)  
Miles, Josephine (Home Economics)  
Miller, Sarabell (Education)  
Platt, Nancy W. (Sociology)  
Wise, Wilda Curtis (Home Economics)

BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE

Clarke, Ella Mildred (Piano)  
Hickman, Mary Marjorie (Piano)  
Kistner, Anna Marie (Violin)  
Snyder, Lorraine (Piano)

CERTIFICATE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Bowen, Althea Louise	Myers, Kathryn H.
Burgard, Ethel Emilie	Roberts, Mary Esther
Crain, Margaret Dean	Stevenson, Grace
Denton, Ruth	Watts, Mary Morton
Langdon, Roy LaVerne	Wetzel, Mary Louise
McFarland, Virginia	Zimmerman, Amelia L.

CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS

Austin, Ruth  
Buxton, Emily Jane  
Foltz, Catherine Virginia  
Riske, Thelma A.  
Smith, Susan

CERTIFICATE IN HOME ECONOMICS

Siemer, Catherine

CERTIFICATE IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Books, Mary  
Clifford, Catherine Claire  
Roush, Mary Evelyn  
York, Charlotte Ann

CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ART

Arnold, Gracia Lou	Green, Dorothy
Bogenschutz, Betty	Raymer, Marguerite
Boles, Elizabeth Mary	Semprez, Helen Pauline

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CERTIFICATE IN SPEECH AND DRAMATICS

Bartholomew, Margaret Aloise  
Davis, Joyce D.  
Jackson, Jeannette  
Lawton, Babs Norma Amelia  
Ochsenbein, Cleo Marie  
Thompson, Margaret Queen

DIPLOMA IN PIANO

Danz, Doris Antoinette  
Koenigsdorf, Elaine Beatrice

DIPLOMA IN VIOLIN

Eby, Suzanne

DIPLOMA IN VOICE

Pinnell, Ruth

2. That the Following members of the Board of Directors of the Class of 1943 be recommended to the Synod for approval:

Dr. John W. MacIvor  
Thomas H. Cobbs  
George W. Sutherland  
Dr. Arnold H. Lowe  
Dr. Elmer B. Whitcomb.

Dr. Whitcomb, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of St. Joseph, will take the place of Craig McQuade.

3. That Arthur S. Goodall of St. Louis be recommended to the Synod for approval to take the place of Charles Tweedie, resigned.

4. That the Building and Grounds Committee, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, take under consideration the erection of a swimming pool to meet the needs of the school, with power to act if the way be clear.

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