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McCluers Issue 'Welcome' To Annual Open House Monday

Once again, as in years before, President and Mrs. F. L. McCluer will open their spacious campus home to the student body at their annual open house, to be held Monday.

Freshmen, who have not had an opportunity to see their home before, are invited to tour the house, and see the bed in which Sir Winston Churchill took a nap, Mrs. McCluer's doll collection, and the president's collection of pipes. The bed gained its distinction when the McCluers were at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., and were hosts to Churchill on the occasion of his "Iron Curtain" address at the college.

Many nations are represented in Mrs. McCluer's collection of dolls. She has dolls from Scotland, Sweden, Mexico, England, Germany, Holland, and many other countries. Dr. McCluer's pipes also make an international exhibit. One that always attracts attention is his opium pipe.

"The upstairs den is where we live," stated Mrs. McCluer in an interview with a reporter. Here they enjoy their television set amidst a collection of family pictures, shelves of books, and mementos of Churchill's visit.

Spahmer Award Contest Open to Upperclassmen; Prose, Poetry Eligible

All sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to compete for the Richard C. Spahmer award for distinctive achievements, according to Dr. Alice Parker, chairman of the English department.

The award, given for prose and poetry writing done during the current school year, will be given by the English department in May.

Requirements for entry are that entrants should be a major or a minor in English, and each contestant should submit a portfolio of her year's manuscripts to Dr. Parker in 209 Roemer Hall on or before April 27.

Leaves Adds Assistants

Two new assistants have been added to the staff of the Linden Leaves, campus yearbook, according to Beverly Harrington, editor. Ann Albritton, a junior from McMinnville, Tenn., will assist art editor, Kathy Kolocotronis, and Shirley Hill will help Marella Gore, advertising manager. Shirley is a freshman day student.

Gloria Bagwell Reigns as '55 Harvest Queen

Gloria Bagwell, a Nicolls Hall candidate from Memphis, Tenn., was crowned queen of the 1955 Harvest Ball held Nov. 19 in Butler gymnasium.

Dana Haglund, Wichita, Kan., and Lois Mayer, Middletown, Ky., both Irwin candidates, were named first and second maids respectively of the Harvest Court.

Dr. F. L. McCluer, president, crowned Gloria with a tiara of yellow chrysanthemums as she stood on the queen's platform amid the setting of "Under Paris Skies."

The court candidates walked the length of the gym to mount a raised platform at the rear as they were announced by Patsy Price, freshman class president. A miniature Eiffel Tower lighted a blue pathway through the center of the room,

The open house is a tradition here at LC. It has been held every year since the McCluers have been here. They also had open house for the students at Westminster.

Mrs. McCluer will be assisted by several of the faculty women.

Press Club Has 20 New Members

Twenty new members were initiated into the Press Club in a formal ceremony held Tuesday, Nov. 22, in the Library Club Room.

The new members are Maisie Arrington, Gloria Bagwell, Nancy Bowser, Nancy Chaney, Sylvia DeVan, Mary Dillard, Faith Elder, Carol Griffiee, Ann Hamilton, Jean Haskell, Betty Hendrix, Dea Jenks, Carol Johnson, Betty Layton, Janet Lewis, Dorothy Natho, Suellen Purdue, Linda Shumate, Marlene Simon, and Diane Stanley.

Eligibility for membership in the Press Club is based upon journalistic work on the Linden Bark, radio station KCLC, and Linden Leaves, yearbook. Major activity of the club is presenting the annual grid-iron show in the spring.

Officers of the group are Nan Nordyke, president; Mary Martin, vice-president, and Heather Armour, secretary. Mrs. Mary Bryant, sponsor and director of public relations, is faculty adviser.

Social Council Plans Tea Dance for Dec. 10

A Christmas tea dance, sponsored by the social council, will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, in Cobbs recreation room, according to Mrs. Jean Knox Barklage, social director.

At the time the Bark went to press, no orchestra had been obtained. Tentative hours for the dance are 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Following dinner in Ayres dining room, it is hoped that the dance will continue from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m., Mrs. Barklage said.

KCLC Open House To Feature Play; Set for Dec. 12

A Christmas play telling the story of a modern day miracle will be the feature of the annual KCLC Open-house Dec. 12, after the Christmas dinner.

The play, taking place in an orphanage, was written by Betty Miller, sophomore, as a project in the radio writing class. The cast will be made up of Margaret Bittman, Sue Potter, Mary Martin, and Nan Nordyke who are on the KCLC staff and are also members of the class.

Mr. Robert A. Cruce, assistant professor of music, will play the part of the orphanage doctor. The voice of Santa Claus will be a mystery voice, but it will be the voice of someone well known on the LC campus, Betty announced. The cast will be reinforced by students in the Radio Workshop.

In addition to the entire student body and faculty, guests from various radio and television stations in the St. Louis area have been invited. Special guests will be the men from KMOX who have been meeting with the Radio Workshop class. Two LC alumnae, Pat Sowle and Gloria Bursey, both from the class of '54, are also among the invited guests.

The radio open-house, sponsored by the Tau chapter of Alpha Epsilon Rho, the national radio and television honor society, marks the beginning of the holiday festivities.

Choirs, Orchestra Christmas Program Planned for Dec. 12

A 76-voice choir composed of 49 LC students and 27 singers of the St. Charles Male Chorus will present the Christmas Musical Vesper on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6:20 p. m. in Roemer Auditorium.

The mixed chorus will be supported by the LC chamber orchestra. Director of the program will be Milton F. Rehg, assistant professor of music, and the accompanist will be Diane Holloway.

Featured soloists are Shirley Holcomb, Carole Jackson, Tillie Michelletto, and Sunny Van Eaton, sopranos; Constance Sutton, contralto; James Meyer, bass; and

which served to guide the candidates and their dates to the platform.

Gloria carried a spray of yellow mums, and Dana and Lois were presented with similar sprays of white mums. Gloria wore a blue satin gown with self-cord on the extremely full skirt. Dana wore a white net dress sprinkled with rhinestones and embroidered leaves. Lois was dressed in a white gown encircled by a pink satin cummerbund.

All the members of the court carried small white sprays of mums and wore full-length gowns. The Paris setting was carried out by a display of modern paintings done by Kay Bumgarner, Irwin candidate, in an outdoor art gallery bedecked by two window boxes with spring flowers.



Gloria Bagwell

Dr. Gerald Wendt To Present Science Convocation Wednesday

Dr. Gerald Wendt, scientist and writer on science, will speak on "What's New in Science" at a convocation at 7 p. m. Wednesday in Roemer Auditorium. His talk will be the third program in the lecture and concert series.

After earning his Ph.D. degree in chemistry at Harvard University and studying at the Curie laboratory in Paris, Dr. Wendt became associate professor of chemistry at the Uni-



DR. GERALD WENDT

versity of Chicago and later was dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics at Pennsylvania State College.

In the industrial field Dr. Wendt served as director of scientific research for Standard Oil Company of Indiana and did research for coffee and printing ink industries. In the publishing world he has been science editor for Time, consultant for Life, Fortune and the March of Time, and editorial director of Science Illustrated.

For three years Dr. Wendt was director of science education for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, directing a program to introduce or

improve science teaching in the organization's 72 member nations. He regularly contributes to UNESCO Features, which is translated into 100 languages in 50 countries.

Dr. Wendt, who describes himself as an interpreter of science, is author of many science articles, two college textbooks, and three popular books on science and the atomic age. At the recent United Nations conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy held in Geneva, he served as interpreter of the proceedings to the press and as chief commentator and broadcaster for UN Radio.

Nemec Elected State FTA Veep

Bettina Nemec, LC sophomore from Little Rock, Ark., was chosen state vice president of the Mo. Future Teachers of America at a convention held Nov. 2-4, in St. Louis.

Six students represented Lindenwood at the 93rd annual convention held at the Kiel Auditorium. The students attending were: Beverly Randall, Martha Disharoon, Ann Zotos, Patty Smith, and Jeanie Rule, local chapter president.

LC to Be Featured On KMOX Dec. 24

Auditions will begin next week for students interested in appearing on a Lindenwood radio program to be tape recorded for presentation on the "Teen O'clock" show of KMOX, St. Louis radio station, Saturday, Dec. 24.

Students picked from the auditions will rehearse under KMOX supervision at Lindenwood at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, and the choir and Choralaires at 10:50 a.m. From 11:20 a.m. until 12:20 p.m. the same day, the show will be tape recorded.

Stan Dougherty's orchestra will be present for the tape recording along with other KMOX officials.

Speech Class Schedules Interpretative Play Reading for Christmas Convocation

"The Queen's Christmas," an interpretative reading of a play, will be presented in a traditional holiday special Christmas convocation Thursday, Dec. 15, by members of the interpretation of literature class.

Setting for the play is a Christmas Eve in the Elizabethan castle of the Earl of Seldingham during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

Mr. Robert Douglas Hume, associate professor of speech, will direct the play, and Stephanie Fantle, a class member, will be the narrator.

Each member of the class will portray several different characters

from the play through vocal interpretation. No special sets or properties have been planned, Mr. Hume said.

Participating in the program will be Stephanie Fantle, Diane Floyd, Carol Griffiee, Caroline Harkins, Betty Hendrix, Nori Hotta, Kyung Ook Koh, Patricia Miller, Sue Nichols, Nan Nordyke, Julie Orr, and Jean Rule.

Main characters of the play include the Earl of Seldingham, his wife, the Countess, and their daughter, Lady Constance; Constance's lover, Lord Denbeigh; Queen Elizabeth, Lord Coventry, and Lord Foxcroft.

Washington Diary Washington Semesterites Tour East; Visit With Dr. Clevenger

By Margie Terrell

Enroute from Washington, D.C., to New York, Nov. 23—Princeton, New York, Annapolis—the Washington Semesterites have been seeing the East! We are seeing it now, for Carol Lee Knight, Mary Lillian Cook, and this reporter are en route to New York. We are driving through Maryland and will go through Delaware and New Jersey before we reach our Thanksgiving destination this afternoon. This is our first visit to the big city and our cameras are set for the traditionally famous sites.

The high point on our agenda last week was Dr. Clevenger's visit to Washington. He livened up the luncheon given for the W.Sers and their home college counselors by changing the panel discussion's trend from detailed academic to broad extra curricular topics. Marilyn Mitchell spoke to the group about cultural advantages in D. C. We publicized Lindenwood's spring political conventions while Dr. Clevenger was here and even passed around pamphlets about it at a tea given by American University's president.

Marilyn, who went to New York last weekend and made us burn with envy, is spending the Thanksgiving holidays in Philadelphia. Sally Lefler is staying in Washington with friends and the rest of the LC troop will be in New York.

Mary Lillian went to an Annapolis hop last weekend and "midshipmen" have been the topic of conversation since. Navy beat Army in a soccer game, and consequently, Mary Lillian got to ring the victory bell and pet the mascot, Bill goat.

While Mary Lillian was meeting the Navy, Carol Lee was at the Princeton vs. Dartmouth game. In spite of a raging blizzard, the Princeton Tigers won and Carol Lee, with her Ivy League friends, went on a round of victory parties ending at the Cap and Gown Club.

The Marine Corps celebrated its birthday last Thursday, and this reporter went to the officers' dance featuring Tex Beneke's orchestra. Brass glittered as two many-starred generals cut the gigantic birthday cake.

Washington rolled out the royal carpet for Ike's homecoming. Eleanor Day, among thousands of others, was at the White House gate to meet the President. Eleanor had no trouble spotting Mamie who was sporting 15 white orchids.

Carol Ratjen reports that "Janus," starring Margaret Sullivan and Robert Preston, is the best play she has seen yet in Washington. The play received good reviews in D.C. and is now playing in New York.

The International Race at Laurel Race Track brought many celebrities out to see the horses and Sally out to see the celebrities.

'Should 18 Year Olds Be Allowed To Vote?' Question Asked Of LC Students

Should 18-year olds be granted the privilege of voting? This question, brought up by Kentucky's recent amendment lowering the voting age to 18, was the subject of a poll of 60 Lindenwood students.

The amendment, making Kentucky the second state with the lowered voting age, was passed in the state election a few weeks ago. Georgia was the first.

Many LC students think the voting age should not be lowered. Of the 60 questioned, 31 were against the idea, 25 were for it, and four were undecided.

Most of those opposed to the amendment said that 18-year olds are too immature to vote. A typical comment was that of Mary Ruth Dobie, freshman from El Dorado, Ark., who said, "I don't think that 18-year olds should vote because they aren't responsible enough and don't know enough about politics."

The objection raised by Mary Rankin, a Dallas, Tex., freshman, was that such young voters would be influenced by their parents' choices.

'Family Tree' Is Successful

A cast of underclassmen proved themselves worthy in the play, "Family Tree," which was warmly received by a near-full house on Friday, Nov. 18, in Roemer Auditorium.

The comedy, with sophomore Sylvia DeVan playing the lead, was composed of clever dialogue, effective scenery, and smooth performances. The play concerned a family's desire to produce a family tree which would equal that of the lead's fiance. The measures to which the family stooped included the sudden emergence of a Duchess aunt, who was expertly portrayed by freshman, Sue Nichols. The plot had many other amusing highspots to the delight of the audience.

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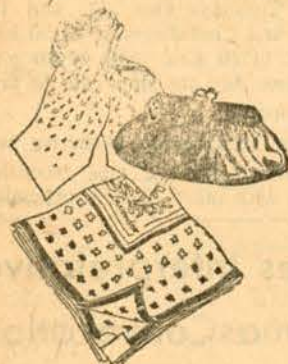
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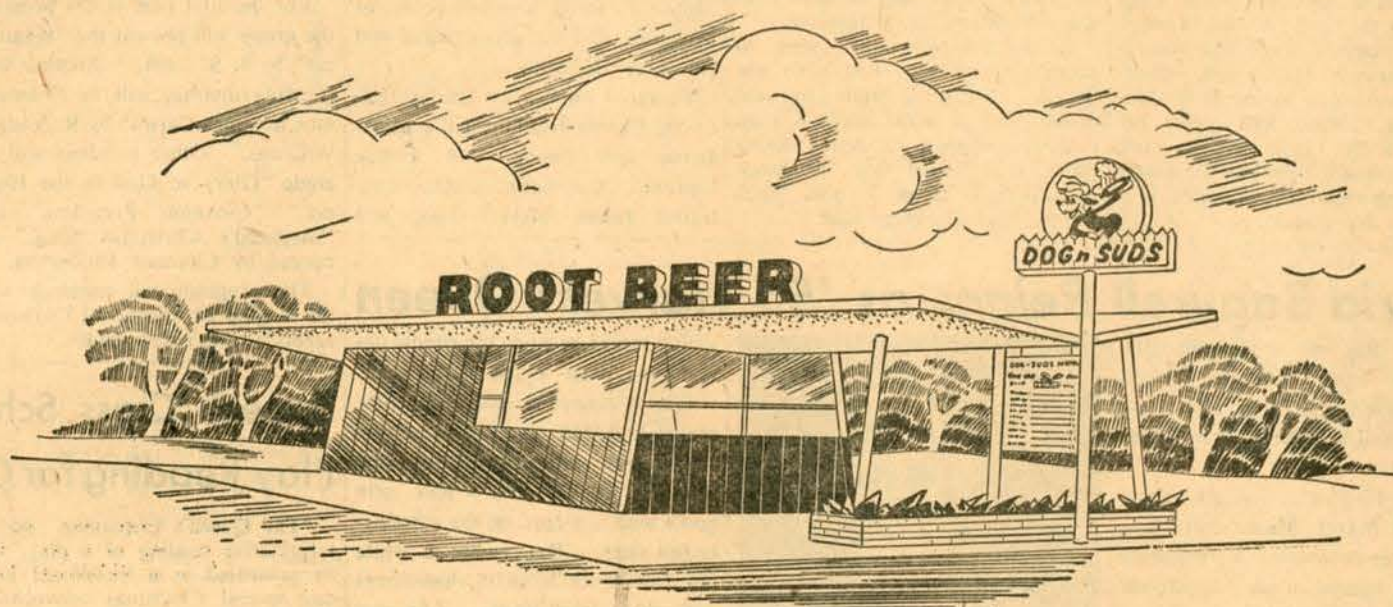
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Political Group Elects Officers

Mary McKnight, Nicolls Hall, a freshman from Auburn, Neb., was elected president of the Lindenwood Young Republicans at a meeting of the group Tuesday in Ayres parlor.

Jennelle (Jacy) Todsén, a senior from Mexico, Mo., was elected vice-president, and Ann Zotos, junior, Affton, Mo., was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Previously, the Young Republicans group has been the largest political club at Lindenwood, according to Jean Gray, president of the League of Women Voters.

A committee, composed of the officers and a representative from each dormitory, will be appointed to plan the strategy of the Republican campaign for the mock political conventions to be held at Lindenwood in April, Mary said.

The Young Democrats also were scheduled to meet this week. The results of their organizational meeting were not known when the Bark went to press.

Alpha Sigma Tau Changes Ruling For Club Membership

Election of students to Alpha Sigma Tau, upperclass scholastic honorary society, has been changed to the second semester of the senior year, with a provision for election of juniors with outstanding academic records in the sixth semester of their college course.

In recent years eligibility has been based on four semesters' grades, and the normal time of election has been the beginning of the junior year. The academic standard continues to be a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and no grade below a C. The new eligibility requirements provide that at least four of the seven semesters of work must have been done at LC.

Changes in the constitution were made by faculty vote recently on the recommendation of the faculty and administration members of Alpha Sigma Tau, headed by Dr. C. Eugene Conover, professor of philosophy.

8 Initiated Into Beta Chi Club

Eight new members were initiated into Beta Chi, Lindenwood riding club, in a formal ceremony held Thursday, Nov. 17, in the Library Clubroom.

They include Sandra (Buffy) Albertson, Joan Broeckelmann, Ann Holub, Sara Klopfenstein, Kay Province, Mary Rankin, Mary Milam Smith, and Ann Vinson.

Ten students participated in the club tryouts held Saturday, Nov. 12. Tryouts consisted of a horsemanship, saddling and bridling, and a written test.

Judges were Jacqueline Keen, president; Sandra Taylor, and Miss Fern Palmer, riding instructor and sponsor.

Informal initiation was held Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 16 and 17. During this time initiates carried horseshoes to signify membership in Beta Chi.

LC Versus Fontbonne Tonight at 7:30 4 Physical Education Majors Take Test

A volleyball game with LC vs. Fontbonne, Clayton, will be held at 7:30 p. m. today in Butler gymnasium. Miss Marguerite Ver Kruzen, assistant professor of physical education, urges the entire student body to come out and cheer the team of 23 players on to victory.

Returning players from last year are Fern Palmer, Marsha Madden, Abby Vinkemulder, Jacqueline Keen, and Jennelle (Jacy) Todsén. Miss Ver Kruzen looks for strong support from these players, she said, and also from two newcomers, Catherine Zotos and Kay Wethers.

Four physical education majors, Jennelle (Jacy) Todsén, Marsha Madden, Catherine Zotos, and Jacqueline Keen, took their volleyball rating written examination with the St. Louis Board of Women Officials Tuesday.

Although no date has been set, the students will take a practical test in which they will officiate at a volleyball game and will be judged by three raters.

If the four successfully pass both parts of the examination, they will be qualified to act as officials at volleyball games.

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IRC Hears Mr. Mann Talk About New Zealand on Nov. 17

"New Zealand is the center of a watery world whose claim to world fame lies in the fact that we are the last outpost of western civilization," Mr. Eric Mann, of Auckland, Australia, told International Relations Club members in a meeting held Nov. 17 in the Library Club Room.

"It took the English settlers of our country five or six months to reach New Zealand, almost twice as long as it took the settlers of America. This demanded a people of superior mental and physical abilities," said Mr. Mann, who is a Fulbright exchange teacher at Ritenour High School in St. Louis County.

Those people who enjoy a moderate climate would find New Zealand weather suited to their taste. According to Mr. Mann, the temperature seldom rises above 80 degrees and seldom drops below 50 degrees.

The large, snow-capped volcanoes and great stretches of green grass, as shown by Mr. Mann's colored slides, proved his statement that his country is as beautiful as it is varied. "Because of these great plains of grass, New Zealand is a country built on grass, as our chief exports of lambs' wool and mutton to Great Britain will readily show," he explained.

"Although 97 per cent of the people are of English stock and the remaining three per cent are natives, we have no very rich and no very poor. Because of this fact, we are able to have a very wide range of social benefits," Mr. Mann said.

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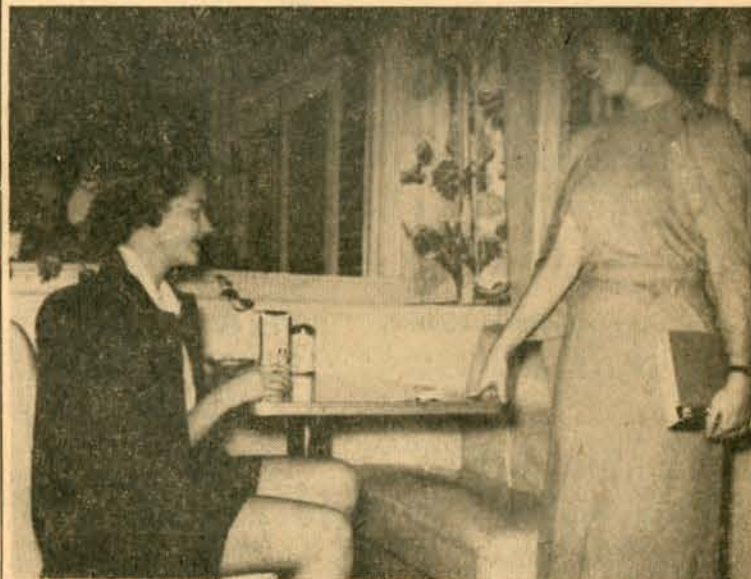
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Aching Feet, Orchid Plants - - Features of Biology Trips

By Carol Griffiee

Anthurium—Cattleya Orchid—Cycad—spermatophyta—monocot—dicot. Recognize these words?

These words in a Lindenwood textbook "came alive" for about 35 students who sallied forth Saturday, Nov. 19, on one in a series of expeditions which have become as campus traditional as Mrs. Sibley's Ghost—Shaw's Garden biology trips.

With the experience of an early Saturday morning rise behind them, and the prospect of cold, aching feet ahead, most students were merely "existing" as they boarded the bus for the ride into St. Louis.

Their destination, Shaw's Garden or the Missouri Botanical Garden, was founded in 1869 by Henry Shaw and ranks second in size and scope to Kew Garden in England. The Garden comprises 75 acres where about 12,000 species of plants are growing.

Thoughts of sleep and aching feet soon disappeared as students heard Dr. Marion Dawson Rechtern, professor of biological science, explain about some of the many plants grown in the conservatories.

After leaving the tropical palm house, the group viewed banana trees with bananas, coffee trees with unripened beans, and a meat-eating pitcher plant.

Reminiscences of home came to Johanna Clevenger as she saw cactus plants and "cacti that weren't cacti," some of which grow around her San Angelo, Texas, home.

"Oohs and aahs" were the conversation when the group visited the



Dr. Marion Dawson Rechtern displays coffee tree and beans on biology field trip.

chrysanthemum house and walked among plots and about trellis thick with masses of purple, white, red, yellow, and violet flowers.

Saving the best until last, Dr. Dawson took the students to the orchid conservatories where the common orchid became the Cattleya Orchid. She explained, "Orchids are the most highly developed hybrid in the plant kingdom and therefore compare to man's position in the animal kingdom." Here she also said that these orchids were not to be picked, but that the girls would have to wait until the Harvest Ball that night to get an orchid.

Camellia, carnation, gardenia, or Cattleya orchid—at least 35 students were able to quote the phylum, class and sub-class of the flower to their dates that night.

Carol Kellogg Reports Continued Newness And Hard Studies in Lebanon University

(By Carol Kellogg, studying in Lebanon under the Junior Year Abroad plan)

Marhaba Lindenwood (Hello):

Life in Lebanon is a challenging and thrilling experience. It is impossible to describe all the feelings I've had since I first entered this city and explored the closed market places, watched veiled women pass by, marveled at the ingenuity of the men's trousers, and assimilated gallons of olive oil.

Just listening to the sounds of this city is an education in itself. I wake up to the cry of peddlers selling their wares, hammers clanging on stone, donkeys braying, and cars honking. It is actually fun to wake up here because I always have a surprise when I look out my window.

I thought Southern hospitality was something, but I have never been entertained so royally as in this Arab country. Every night since I arrived I have been invited out to Lebanese, American, and Palestinian homes. I have been adopted by a family whose aim is to put the weight back on me that I worked so hard to lose during the summer. A guest is expected to eat as much as he loves the host, so it is impossible to nibble at food as it's an unforgivable insult to the host.

The family is the center of the Arab culture. The young people stay at home and do not date or visit with friends outside the home. When friends visit, they come and talk with the entire family, and single men and women are seldom together unchaperoned. Even small children stay indoors and sit in the family circle on Sunday afternoons and behave perfectly.

Many marriages still are arranged with girls of 13 or 14 and men, 35 to 40. The women are obedient to the will of their husbands and have very few rights even in their homes. In fact, in a Moslem home if a man can prove he said "I divorce you" three times, the woman has to return to her home and the matter is settled.

The girls in the university come from the best homes in the East. We have five Pakistani princesses, the daughter of the governor of Greece, and other notables living in this hostel. In this building we have 23 nationalities represented. At dinner tonight I sat with girls whose native languages are German, Arabic, Persian, Pakistani, American, and English—a little U. N.

There are about 150 girls in the institution of 2,000, so it is quite a change from Lindenwood. This school is the intellectual center of the Near East, and it is really an honor to attend such an institution. It is not referred to as American University of Beirut (A.U.B.), but THE AUB with a strong emphasis on THE. Our professors are top notch, and Charles Malik has returned to the faculty and the historian Toynbee will teach here next year. Each class is a real challenge, and there is no playing around with academic work. The library is always packed from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m., and it is often necessary to

scramble for a seat.

I am just realizing how simplified life at Lindenwood really is compared to this. We have no heat in our rooms, no hot water, no American food, insufficient light, and we have to walk four blocks to school. Students don't complain about conditions because they are here for one thing—to learn, and they don't care what they have to endure to get a solid education.

I am very happy in this country which is the crossroads of the world and thank God for giving me this year in which to find myself and my place in the world. My gratitude to Lindenwood is overflowing for all the help and encouragement

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