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## "ROEMER GIRLS" INVITED

*Dr. and Mrs. Roemer to Celebrate*

In May 1914 Dr. and Mrs. Roemer came to Lindenwood. While he assumed the many cares of the president, Mrs. Roemer graciously won the place of the college mother in the hearts of all the students.

They will soon issue invitations for their fifteenth anniversary which will be celebrated from the first to the fourth of June this spring. This invitation is to be sent only to the "Roemer" girls, that is, those who have attended Lindenwood during the administration of the Roemers.

Monday, the third of June, will be the day of real home-coming for on that day a program of some sort will be given by the former students.

A representative from each class has been chosen to arouse the interest in their class meeting, and a large response to the invitation is expected.

## MR. SPAMER'S THIRD VISIT

*Speaks on "Modern Movies"*

Mr. Richard Spamer, art critic of St. Louis, is a name to conjure with in Lindenwood. To put it mildly, if chapel seats had not been reserved some of the audience would have had to stand up during 11 o'clock chapel, February 7. Mr. Spamer chose as his subject, "Adventuring in Modern Movies." It is impossible to catch in print the best of his lecture, for it is his clever way of saying things that endears him to his listeners.

"Drama is very ancient," said Mr. Spamer. "After the savage man had satisfied his need of food, clothing and shelter, he found time to play in the hours before sunset. These efforts at expressing himself were the beginning of the drama.

"This is a mechanical age today.

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## DR. DOBSON AT VESPERS

*Expresses Thanks to Choir*

Dr. R. C. Dobson, of the First Presbyterian Church of Saint Louis, gave the address in vespers Sunday night, February 10. He spoke immediately of the gratitude felt by his church for Lindenwood, because of the favor done them by the L. C. Choir last fall.

His subject was taken from John 14:6 when Christ said, "I am the Way".

Dr. Dobson said that life is a pilgrimage or journey; a new adventure to each traveller, and that each must blaze his own trail. Biographies prove profitable reading, and set us good examples, but we must test things for ourselves. No one else's life is exactly like ours to the last detail. It may be similar, but never exactly corresponding. For there are as many kinds of journeys and experiences as there are people on the highway of life. Everyone builds his own highway. He may build it through achievements or good intentions. It is because he future continually calls us, urges us on into the unknown realm of the unexpected that we are glad, even eager to continue the grind.

"There are certain guideposts that have been placed from time to time to help us along our various ways. They are represented by well-known proverbs or sayings: 'Honesty is the best policy', 'Industry is the secret of success', 'Service is what counts in this life', and 'Hitch your wagon to a star'. Dr. Dobson used the last homely saying as his illustration, saying that the Star of Bethlehem should be everyone's guide and aid. This Star has taught us that love's labor is not lost; that hope may be disappointed and our achievements may be in vain, but loving kindness endures forever. What better ideal could every girl have before her?

## FATHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

Dr. Roemer spoke at an unusual gathering Thursday, February 7, at the West Presbyterian Church of St. Louis. On this occasion the Mothers were left at home and the Father-Daughter banquet had for its speaker, Dr. Roemer, who defended the youth of today from the many things often heard against it. He said that the youth is living in a new world and there is no precedent for them to follow. He also said that if the spirit of the home is there a home may be in the smallest apartment or the largest mansion.

Dr. Roemer offered to bring all his "daughters" to the next banquet if the other fathers would feed them.

## LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY AT LINDENWOOD COLLEGE

*"Emancipation Ice Cream"*

Lincoln's birthday at Lindenwood was celebrated by the May Queen election. At eleven thirty the bell rang and the members of each class gathered in a different room and there, with their sponsor's to answer questions, voted for either Queen, Maid of Honor and Attendants. The results of this important election will not be known until the grand ball the night of Washington's birthday.

Miss Walter and her assistants provided the patriotic touch to the day. The dining room was decorated with flags, even to miniature ones which waved from the pineapple salads at lunch. Lincoln's picture was given a place of honor and draped in red, white and blue. For dessert that night, ice cream with the much liked chocolate sauce was served. One girl explained the color scheme in this way: "The black stands for the emancipation of the slaves."

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"America has furnished to the world the character of Washington. And if our American Institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind."

—Webster.

### "FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY" SEASON

Although we cherish constantly in our hearts a memory of deep affection for George Washington, it is on the twenty second of February, his birthday, that we pay him especial tribute—a tribute that cannot be too lavishly bestowed, for he deserves all the respect and admiration that the American people can offer. Through the most time in history of this glorious nation, he, with unruffled dignity and astounding courage, steered the frail bark of a new union of states and in triumph, reached the shore of Victory.

But having conquered enemies abroad his task was only begun. The duties of a president of a newly organized government were neither few nor trivial. Discontentment and dissension arose, sometimes political, sometimes economical, but always rendered more trying by the extreme hardships of scarcely conquered land. During this infantile period of learning to walk and stand alone, Washington guided the colonies with the patience and faith of a true friend, showing unequalled

ability for leading the country. His outstanding traits of character were of course, an essential basis to his success. But there were still other personal characteristics without which he obtained to the place of "first in the hearts of his countrymen."

His poise, his dignity and his attractive manners completed his conquest of the hearts of America. There was nothing the people would not do to fulfill the plans of this man whom they admired so much that it was considered a treat and an honor to be able to observe him even from a distance. His grace, his bearing and his reserve won the respect of all, even as it would now, were he to appear in an assemblage of people. This gift of service given so freely to the pioneers has been inherited by us. So it is with deep gratitude and reverence that we, in this hurried age stop to think of the brave father of our country who stood, sought, and planned for the United States.

### OUR REGAL QUEENS

The May Queen has always been one of the most coveted positions in Lindenwood College. Not only must Lindenwood's Queen of the May be the most beautiful girl in the Senior Class, but her grades at least average M, and a goodly amount of popularity is necessary to be the people's choice for the central figure of the May Queen party, at which the Queen is announced and which this year will take place February 21, and of the Annual May Festival which takes place at the end of the second year.

The list of girls who have most excellently filled the role of May Queen is a long and noble one, dating from the time when the Queen was the choice of the school, to the present time, when the Queen comes exclusively from the Senior class.

Betty Birch, the red-headed, talented author of two musical comedies, was the queen last year. Betty made a most attractive queen, attended by an attractive party, composed of Betty Foster, Adeline Brubaker, Gertrude Hull, Letha Bailey, and Bobby Wyeth. Betty has had a successful year, for shadowed by her honor as the May Queen, directing plays.

Peggy McNee was the May Queen of 1927. Her party consist-

### COLLEGE CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 19—

5:00 P. M. Music Recital

Wednesday, February 20—

7:00 P. M. Music and Oratory Recital

Thursday, February 21—

11:00 A. M. Advanced Music Students Recital

6:30 P. M. May Queen Party

Sunday, February 24—

6:30 P. M. Mr. P. G. Orwig, of St. Louis, Assistant of Dr. John Alexander, Associated with Founders.

ed of Harriet Collins, Elizabeth Tracy, Susan Jordan, Lawana McAninch, Elinor Lide. The Royal Party of the Centennial year, with its wonderful pageant commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the founding of Lindenwood College, I made a pretty picture as it swept down the green slopes of the golf course, headed by the dark beauty of its Queen.

The preceding year, a town girl, Ida Hoefflin, had the distinction of being May Queen. She was attended by Bertha Peperdine, Emma Monier, Louisa Cochrane, Mary Dean Scott, and Doris Davis. The pageant which represented a giant flower garden, was a fit setting for the lovely picture which the Royal party of 1926 made.

These are the most recent of Lindenwood's May Queens. There are very many more who are just as worthy of mention and the scroll of time will unroll an even greater number of lovely Queens as Lindenwood College writes its story of achievement even further on the page of the future. The May Queen who will be the choice of the class of 1929 will be the best selection, and the party which will surround her will reflect the good taste of the other classes.

### MEMORIES OF MARGARET LINGER IN HEARTS

Where once stood stately Margaret Hall now is only a yawning chasm, partially filled with snow. The stark bare trees have nothing to shelter except their beautiful memories. After each snow storm the walks are cleaned as usual so each night the beautiful spirits which haunt the spot need not track their dwelling. When spring comes

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Everything is done by machinery. Because the movie is a mechanical process it delights and diverts the multitude. Motion pictures have taken a great hold on the world. There are three times as many motion picture palaces as legitimate theaters of all kinds. Twenty years ago the picture palace was of the simplest kind. Now look at the Fox Theatre in St. Louis." Mr. Spamer described the Fox, telling of the gorgeous rug and the Moorish hangings. "The Grand Opera House in Paris is the only theatre that can compare to our movie houses."

Mr. Spamer thinks it a good thing that these men are building such marvelous theatres because it gives the poor a chance to enjoy nice surroundings. "There is the spark of romance in the best of us and in the poorest.

"The talking picture machine is yet in its infancy. The first attempts at talkies were crude, the nonsynchronizing phonograph producing weird effects. But today we may hear music perfectly reproduced."

Mr. Spamer brought out another point which is of special interest to Missourians. It is said that the best English is spoken right here in this part of the United States.

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and the trees are not so bare, perhaps the place will lose some of its air of melancholy and sadness, but now each time one passes it a queer feeling of homesickness and loneliness steals over her.

It has been suggested that, instead of long campuses given as punishment for misdemeanors, the delinquents be put on the rock pile near where Margaret stood.

In years to come, when there is another music building on the campus, the memory of Margaret will fade, but in the hearts of those who were near when it was destroyed its image will live on and on—a beautiful and lasting memory.

"LEARN THE GAME WELL"

Says Miss Duggan "And Enjoy It"

Miss Duggan is a firm believer that "one should learn a game well enough to play it well and enjoy it". The successful manner in

which she and Miss Reichart are working out the physical education department sports is sufficient proof that this theory has become quite popular with all Lindenwood students.

The major winter sport is, of course, basket ball, and the classes are learning the fundamental technique and team work which is necessary in order to develop skill in that game. The inter-class tournaments will be held about two or three weeks and will be conducted by the Round Robin plan. The class teams have already begun their practices and all those who play basket-ball are urged to come out and give their class a chance to pick a good team.

Fencing, one of the new sports introduced this year, is very fascinating to its followers. The girls in the fencing classes are already acquiring skill in the matter of attack and parries. They have begun to learn to combine various attacks and thus vary their game. The motive of this sport is to improve ones agility. Elimination bouts were conducted for the first time last week and the combative spirit in the participants was thoroughly roused and the bouts were of great interest.

Miss Duggan has re-organized the swimming tests to a better advantage to the students. This is one sport that can be carried on individually and should be one in which everyone should take an interest.

In the folk-dancing classes the students are given the appreciation of the manner and customs of peoples through the dances.

"Educational development as well as physical development, is our plan of teaching" said Miss Duggan!

#### GIRLS SING IN ST. LOUIS

Rev. Leigh Wright, minister of the Home Heights Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, who gave a short talk in Chapel February 6, came to Lindenwood to invite some of the members of the choir to participate in the musical program of his church Sunday, February 10. The following were the ones chosen to go: Charlotte Lehrack, Allison Platt, Louise Cauger, Iris Fleischaker, Pauline Brown and Jane Davies.

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#### SIGHS OF DELIGHT GREET TALL BRUNETTE VIOLINIST

Many suppressed sighs of delight and much applause greeted the young violinist, Harry Farbman, Wednesday night when he came upon the stage to give to Lindenwood one of the most delightful and charming programs that it has ever had. His gallant and well poised manner brought much complimentary comment, for not only was he tall, and good looking, but also, a brunette. That evidently is the weakness of Lindenwood and throughout his wonderful program the listeners sat spellbound except at the close of each piece when he received an ovation of applause.

His program was composed of music that produced extremely unusual effects, and one of the most unusual effects was that produced when he played without piano accompaniment. From his one superb instrument he revealed music that sounded as if it had been produced by other instruments.

Mr. Farbman was accompanied by Miss Margaret Engler.

#### INTERESTING PROGRAM AT SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club met on Monday, February 11, at five o'clock in the Y. W. Parlors. There was a short initiation service in which the first semester pledges were made members, and three new girls: Martha Sidebottom, Helen Sombart and Mildred Milam were taken into the club. In the brief business discussion Elizabeth Tracy was elected as protem secretary to serve in place of Jeanne Berry who is absent on account of illness. Plans for a Spanish weiner sale in the near future were also made.

Then the President, Margaret Maxwell, turned the meeting over to the vice-president, Norma Paul Ruedi, who introduced the features on the program. Helen Sweeney gave an interesting account of the much beloved skyscrapers of the Latins, and Gloria Butterfield told some of the little known facts about eminent Spanish poets. Betty Jack gave in Spanish a delightful account of the life of Senor Enrique Arbos, who is the much admired guest conductor of the Symphony. Betty's choice of vocabulary was good and showed her ability to transpose English thoughts into Spanish words.



And a most mysterious week-end was spent at 764 Leland Avenue, in St. Louis, Missouri. The week-end was peculiar in its organization. It seems that one of the guests was not exactly unwelcome but just uninvited. You know how that is. It just is not so comfortable for all concerned. Then Friday night there was a going-on about an X-Ray Table which was difficult to comprehend for any one except those well acquainted with medicine or the likes and such. Saturday morning the girls went to services to do penance. This was followed by lunch at the Jefferson (chaeroned). Then the party split up—one of them went down to Loew's State, but doesn't remember a thing about the show. We wonder why. She does remember that his hair is like a mop and that his clothes fit him like a million dollars—cash.

Sunday dinner was quiet an event. Food was in abundance—as on Thanksgiving Day—But not for long. No matter how unwelcome or how uninvited the guests were—the host was most anxious that the guests eat all that was placed on their green plates.

A return trip to St. Charles was worth the price—nothing. And so ended the week-end without any further calamities. That is enough further calamities. That is enough one week-end.

Valentine's day is just passed and with it has gone flowers, candy, and various and sundry postage stamps. Dorothy Taylor has got some one man's heart. He sends his early so it will be first on the waiting list. And Tid Thomas' leaves his heart here so it will not get broken in transit.

What thing in Lindenwood is the most crushed? Why the Post Office. I don't know whether it is Mob Psychology or not—but the mob is surely the thing that is prevalent there. Miss Jeck is really a fine policeman and will see to it that no one else gets your mail. So

for the benefit of all concerned let us try and use less Mob and more Psychology.

Election of May Queen Attendants always starts a bit of excitement and this is worse than ever. Everybody in school wants to be an attendant. But alas! alack! that cannot be—so sit tight girls, and await your turn.

Getting your picture in a city paper in the rotogravure section is one thing but being selected by a would be BEAU Brummel is simply something that we don't all get. It must be wonderful Clara to be so full of IT that the men just can't resist to write sweet ditties to you. We advise your close attention to the matter. You'll just have to be good to the King."

### ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

#### *Freshmen Make Plans*

The Freshmen girls again come to the front, with the announcement of a formal dance to be given Friday night, March 15. This date is noticeably near that set aside in honor of St. Patrick, and although the plans are secret, it seems likely that the dear old Irishman is not to be slighted this year at Lindenwood. The following committees have been appointed to take charge of the dance:

Decorations:—Bobby Johnson, Mary Margaret Poorman, Ruth Thompson, Juandell Shook, Allison Platt.

Refreshments:—Barbara Ringer, Elizabeth Jeffries.

Entertainment:—Dot Schleicher, Elizabeth Malcom, Agnes McCarthy, Betty Weinert, Elizabeth Higginbotham.

Favors—Hardy Albright, Mary Bragg McDaniels, Margaret Bowman, and Adeline Martin.

### Y. W. ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Y. W. C. A., February thirteenth, was centered around Ash Wednesday. Martha Mae Baugh gave a talk on the history, after which there was an open discussion, in which different people contributed their opinion of the Lenten season. Ruth Thompson closed the meeting with a hymn on the piano.

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### FACULTY PRESENT RECITAL AT BOWLING GREEN

Four members of the faculty of the school of Fine Arts here presented a recital in Bowling Green, Mo., recently. The program was presented under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers Association of Bowling Green. The artists who made the journey were Miss Mary McKenzie Gordon, head of the department of Oratory, Miss Mildred Gravley of the department of Piano, Miss Grace Terhune of the department of Voice, and Miss Gertrude Isidor of the department of Violin. Each member of the group is quite talented and this little trip was a pleasant innovation for them as well as for their audience there. The Parent-Teachers Association of Bowling Green has written the following letter to Dr. Roemer to express their enjoyment and appreciation of the concert given them.

Dr. J. L. Roemer,

St. Charles, Mo.,

Dear Dr. Roemer:

The Parent-Teachers' Association greatly appreciated the splendid program rendered by Misses Gordon, Gravley, Terhune and Isidor. Each one of these artists endeared herself to the heart of the audience, by the way she presented her part of the program and pleasing personality.

It was indeed a pleasure to have them with us. We want to thank you for making it possible for us to have them. We thank you for the program.

Sincerely,

Rev. Ned Hill,

Bowling Green, Mo.

### "VALENTINE PRESENTS"

The post office held an unusually large amount of good, bad and indifferent news on Wednesday, February 13, when last semester's grades were put in the boxes. T'was the day before Valentines, and some of the luckier girls would like to thank Miss Thurman, or whatever divine power is responsible in this case for taking care of "fools and drunk men," for the cards which came as a Valentine present. Others—well, perhaps the less said the better. Anyway everyone is glad that the grades are out and the suspense is over.