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Dr. William C. Spencer has been elected the 16th president of The Lindenwood Colleges in St. Charles, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. Dr. Spencer succeeds Dr. Franc L. McCluer, who has served the Colleges as interim president since September 1973. Dr. McCluer has resumed his retirement which began in 1966 after 19 years as President of Lindenwood. The appointment was announced by Mr. Robert Hyland, Chairman of the Board of Control of the Colleges and Regional Vice-President for CBS Radio.

A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. Spencer has served as President of The Western College in Oxford, Ohio from 1969 to 1974. Prior to that he held positions as Special Assistant to the President and Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University in New York, Director of the Office of Latin American Affairs at the Institute for International Education, Director of the Master of Arts degree program in Teaching at New York University, administrative coordinator in Chile for the UNESCO Major Project in Education, and Associate Professor of Education and Mathematics at the University of Delaware.

Dr. Spencer holds the A.B. degree from Drew University, the M.A. degree and the Doctor of Education degree from Columbia University. He held the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II and holds a diploma from the post-graduate school of the U. S. Naval Academy.

Dr. and Mrs. Spencer have moved into the president's house on the Lindenwood campus. Mrs. Spencer, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, received a master's degree in English and French from Columbia University, and has been a teacher in public and private schools, and an editor for THE READER'S DIGEST

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and the COMMERCE CLEARING HOUSE in Chicago. They have three sons and are interested in sailing, art, and music.

Lindenwood will celebrate the sesquicentennial of its founding in 1977. For nearly 150 years Lindenwood has been an integral part of higher education in Missouri. It was the first women's college west of the Mississippi, began its four year baccalaureate program in 1918, and instituted the men's college in 1969.

Lindenwood College was founded in 1827 by Mary Sibley and her husband, George, one of the pioneer Indian agents of the West. The school they developed for young women became the responsibility of the Presbyterian Church in 1856 and continues to this time in a voluntary relationship with the United Presbyterian Church in the USA.

Now serving a total of 1,175 students, Lindenwood offers a diversity of liberal arts and career related programs for students from all over the United States. Students from 32 states and nine foreign countries are represented in the current student body which includes 607 part-time students, all of whom are St. Louis and Missouri residents. The Lindenwood faculty includes 41 full-time instructors, of whom 58% hold doctorate degrees. In addition to the full-time faculty, there are some 60 part-time instructors.

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