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Dr. William Courtney Spencer will be formally installed as the 16th President of The Lindenwood Colleges in ceremonies beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26 in the Lindenwood Chapel. The installation will be celebrated as part of an alumni week-end for graduates of the colleges from throughout the United States. The public is also invited, and a reception in the Butler Library on campus will follow. Reservations may be made by calling 946-6912, ext 200, for tickets.

Lindenwood's President Emeritus Dr. Franc L. McCluer will give the Charge to the President. Dr. Spencer will then be formally installed by Lindenwood Board Chairman Robert Hyland, Regional Vice President of CBS, Inc. President Spencer will be greeted by St. Charles Mayor Frank Brockgreitens on behalf of the community, Mrs. Folsta Gibbons for the alumni, and Dr. William Danforth, Chancellor of Washington University, on behalf of other colleges and universities.

The reception in the library following the installation will be hosted by the St. Louis and St. Charles Alumnae Clubs. Horse drawn carts will provide campus tours during the reception, and Young Science Hall, the Fine Arts Building, Jelkyl Center for the Performing Arts, KCLC radio station, and the residence halls will hold open house.

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Dr. Spencer came to Lindenwood on October 15, 1974 from The Western College, Oxford, Ohio, where he had served as president since 1969. Previously, he held administrative and faculty positions at Columbia University, New York University, and the University of Delaware. He served UNESCO in Latin America, was Director of Interamerican Affairs for the Institute of International Education in New York, and has undertaken many assignments with the U.S. Department of State and major foundations on educational developments in Latin America and Asia. He was graduated from Drew University and received his advanced degrees from Columbia University.

Dr. and Mrs. Spencer, the former Evelyn Bailey of Elizabeth, New Jersey, reside on the Lindenwood campus in the President's House. Mrs. Spencer is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and Columbia University. She has been a teacher and editor, and is a member of the St. Charles Artists Guild and the St. Charles Writers Guild. The Spencers have three sons.

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