Lindenwood Blends Education, Marriage and Family

by Charlene Wehmeier

There are many fine examples of Lindenwood students who attend day, evening and LCIE programs in addition to working and raising a family. Impossible you might say.

One such example of these exceptionally hard working students are Karla and Gary Eaves, who attend Lindenwood full-time. The Eaves transferred their associate degrees to Lindenwood with high grade point averages (Karla 3.8 and Gary 4.0) and are currently working on Bachelor in Business Administration (Karla) and Accounting (Gary). Both anticipate graduating this year.

Karla and Gary Eaves have been married for five years and have two sons; Windsor, age one, and Dekon, age three. Dekon thinks it’s “neat that Mom and Dad are in college.” Dekon will tell others that he wants to go to Lindenwood just like his Mom and Dad when he grows up.

Like many other families today, the Eaves realized they needed to further their education in order to provide a better life for themselves and their sons. However, in order to attend college full-time, earn a living, and raise a family, the Eaves needed a helping hand.

Lindenwood is a college which lends helping hands to many exceptional students like the Eaves, recognizing many benefits in return. John Creer, dean of campus life, suggested that Gary and Karla become the residential directors for Lindenwood’s Campus Mobile Home Park, which consists of 42 homes, seven for married couples, and 35 for male students.

Karla says running the mobile park is a 24-hour job. Therefore, she and Gary divide their day into shifts. Karla is in charge of the day shift and Gary is in charge of the night shift. Karla says a typical day consists of dealing with complaints and maintenance problems. “This involves coordinating repair work, providing daily spot checks to ensure that things are clean, enforcing quiet hours and crowd control, and delegating and supervising the work and learn students when we assign jobs,” Karla said.

Karla says that operating Lindenwood Village has been an exciting challenge which also allows herself and Gary to get some hands-on experience in administration. “It’s all about

Gary, Dekon, Karla and Windsor take time out for a photo.

knowing what needs to be done at that moment by working together as a team, staying focused on our goals, maintaining a positive attitude, and never giving up,” Karla said. “At times it can seem overwhelming but we get through it by staying focused on our future.”

Karla views her marriage as a partnership wherein teamwork is the necessary ingredient that keeps the family together. Karla says Gary is the most powerful influence in her life and he is the one who keeps her on track.

In addition, Karla says she has been blessed with two wonderful sons. When mom and dad are studying, the boys will play together in the same room. Even though the boys are playing and the parents are studying, by just being together, Karla says this provides quality family time.

The Eaves have made friends with classmates, faculty members and professors. “We feel the college is like an extended family,” Karla said.

In addition to Lindenwood teaching Karla communication and managerial skills, she says she has gained confidence which helps her to run the mobile park. “Lindenwood has been a very positive influence in our lives and we are forever

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Adult Student Society?

Note: Many adult students and alumni in the LCIE and Evening College programs have expressed interest in forming a college organization for adult students. LCIE Communications instructor Tom Dehner talked with Arlene Taich, provost and dean of the LCIE and management divisions, about the need for such a society.

by Tom Dehner

**Q - Is an LCIE Constituency Society an idea whose time has come?**

A - Actually, LCIE did have its own alumni club about 10 years ago. That group raised funds for materials and equipment to augment LCIE programs. It sponsored and staffed a “book exchange” whereby students bought and sold used texts for a small service fee. Proceeds were used for social events such as mid-term receptions, new student orientations—even a prom. The LCIE alumni club assisted the college in fundraising activities as well.

**Q - What benefit is there in reviving the organization?**

A - An organization which continues and nurtures an interest in any part of Lindenwood College life is welcome. It is important for former students to join those presently enrolled in the afore-mentioned activities and any others that link the college to the community it serves. For instance, volunteer assistance is one area where an LCIE/Evening College constituency society can be of great value. It could help the college administration and board of directors to identify public service and business needs throughout the greater community—then help the college to meet those needs. Assistance could also be offered to the administration and faculty in such areas as recommending new academic programs and effecting changes in business and government policies that impact Lindenwood College.

**Q - A “spin off” from the constituency society might be a Mentor Program. How do you see this fitting into overall academic program at Lindenwood?**

A - In addition to the faculty advisor, students rely heavily on their colleagues in meeting the rigorous requirements of a college degree. Alumni can be valuable resources as well—some of them already are. If a constituency group provided informal social or colloquial gatherings there could be opportunities for mentoring relationships to form. Academic mentors are central to the LCIE model. Thus, the need for academic mentors is not as critical as the need for career mentors. Throughout my 15 years in LCIE, I have witnessed the importance of LCIE as a vehicle for networking. Many students in positions to employ others have looked to their student colleagues to fill these positions. They have watched their peers presenting material, debating issues, and analyzing situations. They have often worked in teams as part of their cluster and, therefore, know who they can depend upon. A formal mentor program, emphasizing career development, would be a valuable role for an LCIE/Evening College constituency group to provide and a welcome adjunct to the benefits of an academic program at Lindenwood College.

**Q - A goal of a constituency society would be to “play” to both the academic and social life of the LCIE student and graduate. What are some of the specific activities that you think it would be feasible for the group to undertake?**

A - I’ve addressed many of them. Certainly recruiting and supporting students, presenting colloquia and bringing community and corporate needs for education to the administration’s attention for program considerations are important facets of such offerings. Receptions for prospective and current students and prom-like events for graduates or faculty/student gatherings could prove not only enjoyable, but rewarding for all concerned. With the recent acquisition and renovation of the Lindenwood Country Club we have an excellent setting for social occasions. Further, we could look forward to special days at sporting events for LCIE and Evening College students and their families—with a reception after the game. There could be special nights at the Lindenwood theatre for LCIE/Evening College families. The possibilities are virtually limitless for the various combinations of social events that could be sponsored by an LCIE/Evening College constituency group. In fact, I applaud any such interest, encourage any group and pledge my assistance.

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grateful,” Karla said. Thus, Gary and Karla want to “give back” to Lindenwood and believe that by doing the best they can in school and running the mobile park efficiently they can do that. “After graduation this year, we want to continue in Lindenwood’s master’s degree program,” Karla said.

Ultimately, Karla says that being a mom, wife and student is very fulfilling. Karla loves children and realizes that finding quality day care today can be difficult and quite costly. She wants to someday run a day care center for working parents and students. “One of the hardest things I’ve ever had to do was find someone I felt I could trust with my children,” she said. “So I would like to provide this kind of service to the community some day,” Karla said.

Karla and Gary are exceptional examples of how Lindenwood can and is helping students blend education, marriage and family life. “The struggles, past and present, have made us stronger as a family, students and citizens,” Karla said. “Lindenwood has been key to keeping us together and strong.”
Dance Alive II Set to Hit Jelkyhl Theatre

Thirty-two dancers will perform in original choreography by Lindenwood College faculty and students in Dance Alive II. Under the direction of Alice Bloch, director of the dance program, the concert of jazz, modern, and tap dances varies from the light-hearted solo "Right On," to the dramatic "Mask Moments." The premiere of "Flying Into The Flame," a collaboration by Bloch and composer Paul Stuart and inspired by the Bosnian conflict, is a highlight of the concert.

"This is the biggest and best dance concert yet," Bloch said. "So many students came in with such great ideas for dances I just had to take them all. We have dances to music by Sting, Mariah Carey, and Prince. And best of all, we have original music by Paul Stuart for my new dance. Stuart came to me after he saw Dance Alive I and offered to write music for us because he was so impressed by the talent and dedication of Lindenwood students."

And, as usual, the show has students from all areas of the college—some who have danced for many years, and some who are dancing on stage for the first time. "All of them have talent and dedication, and that's what makes a great show," Bloch said. She is especially proud of the work of Debbie Craig and Tara Tucker, the first seniors to graduate under the program Bloch began four years ago.

Dance Alive II will be presented at 8 p.m. April 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29 in Jelkyhl Theatre, Roemer Hall. Two complementary tickets are available for all students, faculty and staff at the theatre box office.

Day LCIE Program Introduced to Fit the Schedules of All

Westport to begin program in April; to be in full force by July

by Cathie Scharge

Are your nights filled and your days empty? Here's the perfect program for you. Lindenwood College introduces the Day LCIE program. All majors of the LCIE program will be available for both undergraduate and graduate degrees. The program will be offered at the Westport campus only, beginning in April, but will definitely be running in full force by July. Tuition for this program will be the same as in evening LCIE.

Lindenwood is providing an unmet need among those who work different shifts, such as nurses, factory workers, and police officers.

This program is experimental because shift times vary and a large enough interest must be shown in order to continue. Those interested in the Day LCIE program should contact Jerry Bladick, director of graduate and evening admissions, at (314) 949-4934.

Attention all writers & photographers!

The Evening Edge, an informative newsletter for members of the LCIE and Evening College community, welcomes contributions from evening and LCIE students and faculty. Please send typed stories and notices to Evening Edge, Office of Public Relations, Roemer 105, by June 15, 1995, for inclusion in the summer edition of the Evening Edge.

Tune in to KSDK-TV Channel 5

7 p.m.
Monday, April 17, 1995
for the
Volunteer 5 Awards Show

Lindenwood College & an LC alumna will be featured on the show!

Lindenwood College is a co-sponsor of the Volunteer 5 program
LISTEN UP!

1. IMPORTANT: For late night walks to your car, Security Guards are available to escort you safely. Call the Security Office at 740-2700 for assistance after class.

2. FREE TICKETS: Don't forget, all LCIE and evening students are entitled to two complimentary tickets to all College Mainstage presentations and one complimentary ticket to all home sporting events. Just show your student identification at the gate for home games and you're in! For information on theatre tickets, call the Box Office at 949-4878 during regular business hours.

3. LAST DAY TO BE MEASURED FOR CAPS AND GOWNS FOR MAY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES: Monday, April 10, in the Campus Bookstore, which is open Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

4. ARRIVE FOR COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES EARLY -- parking (and seating for family and friends) is at a premium! All graduates should meet in front of Roemer Hall by 9:15 a.m.

Campus Happenings

April 8  Lindenwood Jazz Band Concert, Jelkyl Theatre, Roemer Hall. 7:30 p.m.

April 12-28  Lindenwood Student Juried Art Show, Hendren Gallery and Gallery 202, Harmon Hall. Reception: 6-8 p.m. April 12.

April 20-22, 27-29  Dance Alive II; Jelkyl Theatre, Roemer Hall. 8 p.m.

April 30  Honors Convocation, St. Charles Presbyterian Church. 2 p.m.

May 1  Spring Choral Concert, St. Charles Presbyterian Church. 7:30 p.m.

May 17  Baccalaureate/Commencement Practice In front of Roemer Hall. 3 p.m.

May 19  Baccalaureate St. Charles Presbyterian Church. 7 p.m. Reception following in Harmon Hall, hosted by the Lindenwood College Alumni Association.

May 20  Commencement Gazebo on the Quadrangle. 10 a.m. Line up in front of Roemer Hall by 9:15 a.m. Reception immediately following on the Quadrangle.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Spring Quarter - 1995

- Baccalaureate  May 19
- Commencement 1995  May 20
- Memorial Day (No Classes)  May 29
- Quarter Ends (LCIE)  June 23
- Final Grades Due, 12:00 NOON (LCIE)  June 28
- Summer Quarter Starts (LCIE)  July 8
- Summer Quarter Starts (Evening College)  July 10

NOTE: Watch your mail for details on Summer registration dates. You must see your faculty advisor before you can register.