Six Lindenwood Girls Expelled for Smoking in Cafe

Students Refuse to Tell Anything, but Say They Had a Good Time.

Lindenwood College, an exclusive school for girls at Lindenwood, St. Louis County, is all a-flutter over a near-scandal caused by the summary expulsion of six pretty students ostensibly for being absent without permission, but in reality for having been caught smoking cigarettes in a much-frequented Sixth street cafe late at night.

The girls were seen in the cafe and their general air of detachment and the contrast in their appearance to that of the freerences of the cafe caused an inquiry as to who they were. The girls admitted they had been "let out" of Lindenwood College. They said college authorities had expelled them and put them on a train to return to their parents, but that they were managed to return to St. Louis, and were spending a few hours in the city enjoying themselves. All were smoking cigarettes.

When asked for their names and where they were from, the girls simply smiled and refused to tell anything about themselves, except that they were "having a good time.

Rev. Dr. John L. Roemer, president of Lindenwood College, said over the telephone yesterday that several girls had been dismissed from Lindenwood College recently "for the good of the college." He added that it was not "for anything they had done in St. Louis." The reason for the expulsion, he said, was that the girls had failed to comply with the honor system of the school, according to the rule of student government which has been in vogue at Lindenwood for several years. Dr. Roemer said he thought the girls were now on their way home.

According to the rule at Lindenwood, girls leaving the school must sign a permission card stating where they are going and when they expect to return. The girls in question, Dr. Roemer said, signed up to go to one place and did not go there. It was for violation of this rule they were dismissed, he said.

Dr. Roemer declined to give the names of the girls involved in the escapade, and also refused to disclose the names of the place visited by them in violation of their promise. He also refused to name the place which they had signed up to visit.