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Students, administrators say parietals successful

In November, 1970, a Guideline for Self-Governance formulated by the Council on Student Life and approved by the Trustees ushered in a new system of social and living regulations at Lesley and paved the way for parietal privileges for seniors, juniors and sophomores.

With the advent of student self-governance, each residence hall drew up a statement of responsibility which included (among other things) provisions for 23-hour parietals. Restrictions regarding drugs, liquor, and smoking were retained. Residents took a required written vote on their house's statement of responsibility. It had to be approved by a 74% majority. All statements comply with federal and state laws and were approved by the Council on Student Life before going into effect.

During second semester, the Council on Student Life approved a modified form of self-governance for freshmen which incorporated weekend parietal privileges.

Random House defines parietal (adj) as: "pertaining to or having authority over residence within the walls of a college or university." Most students, however, would describe parietals (n.) simply as "open house." At Lesley, 23-hour parietals mean that students are no longer restricted to entertainingmale guests in the residence hall living room. Guests may visit dorm rooms 23 hours a day.

Recently, Lesley students and Residence Directors were asked how parietals were working. Most of them feel that campus living has become "more natural," "more convenient" and "more secure" since the introduction of parietals. Problems that have arisen appear to be directly related to the size of the dormitory and the measure of responsibility (or irresponsibility) displayed by students. (See page 2 for a sampling of responses.)

Mikki Rio, Dean of Students and a member of the Council on Student Life, explains that "parietals have encouraged students to be honest, to be responsible. New things are no cause for students to break because they have established their own guidelines. They have mutual responsibility and know how to handle their own grievances." Dean Rio stresses that "parietals are only one part of the whole self-governance concept."

Students seem to agree that parietals have cut hypocrisy. One freshman finds that "everything is less phony now. Dorm life is a lot more efficient because the kids act responsibly. If you have a deadline imposed on you and can't have a guy up to visit, it makes you feel that you can't make your own limits. A sophomore stated that "everyone learns to keep house before they learn to keep their own room."

The Lesley College bonds sold to finance new campus

The Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority revenue bonds, Lesley College, Series A, for $4,500,000, were sold on July 6, 1971. Underwriters of the bonds are: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, Goldman, Sachs and Co.; Hornblower and Weeks - Hemphill, Noyes, Paine, Webber, Jackson and Curtis; L. E. Rothschild and Co.; and Beez Stearns and Crump.

Sale of the bonds provides Lesley with an estimated $4,000,000 (after expenses) to finance new campus buildings. The $4,500,000, plus interest, must be repaid over a period of 30 years.

Under this financing arrangement, the College retains the advantages of a U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare annual interest grant agreement for educational facilities and a U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development debt service grant agreement for dormitory facilities. In effect, these agreements provide $3,247,000 of the $4,500,000 at an interest rate of 3%.

The Lesley College bonds are coupon bonds in $5,000 denominations with interest rates varying between 8 and 6 percent depending on the date of maturity. Anyone interested in purchasing these bonds should contact his own stockbroker or one of the above underwriters.

Robert W. Fawcett, chairman of the Lesley College Board of Trustees, signs contract for construction of first phase of the new campus. Stanley Sydney, president of the Sydney Construction Company, is at right; Dr. Don A. Orion at left.

Lesley signs building contract for new campus

Phase I of the Lesley College Building Program is underway!

After several years of studying, planning and raising funds, Lesley is seeing its plans for a new campus turn into reality.

On July 15, a contract for $3,881,556 was signed authorizing the construction of five academic residential units facing a landscaped pedestrian mall. Prime contractor is the Sydney Construction Company of New York, Mass. The total project cost, including architectural and legal fees, is expected to be approximately $5,147,000.

Official groundbreaking ceremonies were held on Tuesday, July 27.

The first phase of the new campus consists of approximately 90,000 square feet of enclosed space. It includes a 60,000 volume library, a 200 seat lecture hall, a biology laboratory, classroom, seminar rooms, faculty offices, conference rooms, an Admissions Office, a coffee shop, a bookstore, on-grade parking for 40 cars and living accommodations for 155 students. Residential houses are to be located on the upper stories of four units. In addition to single and double bedrooms, each house has its own lounge, terrace, recreation area, kitchen and typing room.

The new campus is designed to maintain and encourage close interaction among students, faculty and administration. The design provides numerous and varied opportunities for members of the Lesley Community to meet and talk. At the same time the plans recognize the need -- and have provided space -- for personal isolation and study.

Construction for Phase I is scheduled for completion within 20 months.

Lesley is awarded federal grant

Lesley College has been awarded a federal grant to develop a $27,500 cooperative program with the Cambridge Community Schools.

The grant comes under the Title I Community Service Program of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

The one-year project, entitled "Making the Learning Community," will involve Lesley faculty and students, Cambridge residents and Neighborhood Council, the Community School staff, and consultants.

The Cambridge Community Schools program was created to improve the quality of life in Cambridge neighborhoods. For this purpose the city is subdivided into 14 neighborhoods, each representing an elementary school district. The Community Schools work outside the framework of the established educational system, offering recreational, and educational activities for youngsters after regular school hours and during summer vacation. They also offer programs for teenagers and the elderly and day-care services.

The project's goals are to nurture a stronger sense of mutuality of interest among Neighborhood Community School Councils and to eliminate duplication and competition with the activities of other city organizations.

Within the neighborhoods, participants hope to improve the quality and quantity of involvement in neighborhood development, increase understanding of the resources at the community's command, foster better relationships with city agencies, and develop adult continuing education programs.

Peter E. Siegel, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Lesley, will be coordinator of the program. He is a member of the Steering Committee which includes a Community School staff representative, a Lesley student, and four Cambridge residents.
Lesley Current

Lesley Current is published by Lesley College, Cambridge, Mass., and is produced and edited by the Office of Public Relations.

The purpose of the newspaper is to portray the various aspects of the College - athletics, society and controversies - to alumnae, parents, students, faculty, staff, governing boards and friends of the College. The editors and authors represent the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the attitude of Lesley College.

The editors reserve the right to edit all material submitted. Letters to the editor must be signed. Names will be withheld on request, for cause, but preference will be given to identified statements of fact and opinion.

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Sister Marie Edwardus (Marie Brilliant) has been Director of Childhood Education at Thomas Aquinas College in Newton after a tour of Europe. Before entering the Sisters of St. Joseph convent, she taught in the Boston area. She has organized, operated and supervised five new parochial schools, two new kindergartens, and several work shops. She has courses in kindergarten programming in Massachusetts and Maine.

To Downing Cary Warren lives in Maine, has one daughter and five grandchildren.

Marion O'Conner Burke of Lexington has two daughters and five grandchildren.

Amy Crockett Warren lives in Maine, has one daughter and five grandchildren.

Virginia Woodbury Staim of Watertown, Conn., has received the town's First Woman of the Year Award sponsored by St. John's Church.

Edith Howitt recently re tired from Quincy Junior High School.

Lillian Moore Smith has one son and two daughters.

Dorothy Linfield Mitchell and Russell George are retired teachers — he, recently, from Watertown High School.

Huntington Knudsen, now retired, has one daughter and four grandchildren.

Lucile Comoome Nicholls received an award as "an outstanding community member" from the Belmont chapter of the Greater Boston Association for Retarded Children. She has been a special education teacher in Belmont for the past 13 years.

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Marguerite Sargent Hurley has been appointed chairman for the Telephone Reassurance Service to the Elderly in Melrose, Mass. She will coordinate the program which provides daily telephone calls to elderly people. She is employed by volunteers. Mrs. Hurley also has family members overseas as a passenger. During the last 25 years she has corresponded with over 250 members of her family in 25 countries and most of the 50 states.

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Mary Mccarron Mead of Swansea was married May 15 at St. Clement's Eucharistic Shrine, Beverly, Mass. They have a daughter, Erica Beth, born September 5, 1969, and are expecting another child in October.

Harriet M. Brown is a student at Boston University College of Optometry. Berta is a student at Boston University College of Optometry.

Katherine Spofford is a reading specialist at Methuen Junior High School. She has been appointed Language Arts consultant for the Methuen School District.

Josephine Monahan is a consultant to a private hospital in New York City.

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Dwight urges change

Dr. Dwight W. Allen, Dean of the School of Education at the University of Massachusetts, told degree candidates and others at Lesley's commencement exercises that present day schools are 19th Century institutions. He urged the new teachers to dedicate their careers to changing the schools' curriculum, staffing patterns and organization.

One hundred and twenty-three young women received bachelor of science in education degrees at ceremonies held May 30 at Sanders Theatre. A total of forty-six master of science in education and master of education degrees also were awarded.

Present-day education, according to Dr. Allen, provides students and their parents with very few alternatives and tends to deepen rather than bridge the generation gap. He urged Lesley graduates to work for schools that are a community resource — where people of all ages can come, staying as long as they need or want to.

"Why not design schools where whole families can study together?" Dr. Allen asked. "Why can't grandma throw a pot on the wheel along with grandson?"

Dr. Allen also criticized schools which concentrate on "dead facts" — such as the memorization of state capitals. The emphasis, he felt, should be put on studying processes and values.

Dr. Allen, a well-known advocate of educational reform, holds a doctorate from Stanford University and is the author of many books and articles.

Dr. Mary I. Bunting, President of Radcliffe College, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters for "her outstanding contributions to higher education."

Corinne Gaile '71 received the Edith Lesley Wolfard Award.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1971 ...

Grey Hall was the first to go.

The afternoon was warm and humid. Around 3 o'clock a bright yellow bulldozer — a bulldog of a machine — and several workmen arrived. A small group of students, administrators and secretaries stood by the back door of the library, waiting patiently for the first physical proof of change.

The mechanical bulldog responded effortlessly to the commands of its hot and dusty looking master. It took a few short practice runs across the driveway, leaving crescent tractor marks in the dirt. Then, with scoop raised, it rolled past the rear of the building, snapping off electrical wires as it went.

The rest was reminiscent of "King Kong."

It reached under the roof eaves, prying up a corner and then part of the side. The rear chimney toppled almost immediately, chopping a center hole through roof and floors. By 3:45 the rear section of Grey Hall was leveled.

By 4:15 the once proud old building at 51 Oxford St. was a pile of rubble.

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A rapid end — to a proud grey lady