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PHASE ONE CONSTRUCTION WELL UNDERWAY

Phase One of Lesley's new "urban academic village" is well off the drawing boards and is both visible and audible on the acre site bounded by Oxford and Mellen Streets. Scheduled for completion by March 1973, phase one will cost approximately $5 million.

The groundbreaking ceremonies were held on a drenching July 27. The amphitheater, which was the original site of the ceremony, was very much drenched, but the bright spirits of the 50 guests were unembattled as they moved inside to White Hall Cafeteria for the formal part of the ceremonies.

Mr. Robert W. Fawcett, Chairman of the Lesley Board of Trustees, presided at the ceremonies. With the long awaited dream of a new campus now a reality, Mr. Fawcett and others have waited several years for this important occasion. Now that it is here I think we can take great pride in achieving the goal for which so many people have worked.

Speaking about the significance of the new campus, President Don A. Orton said, "As a person matures, he is able to do certain things at the proper time in his life. A person who does not move ahead at the right time is facing an identity crisis. Institutions are like that too. A college that is growing and needs the facilities to affirm and strengthen its identity is facing an identity crisis. We've met our facility crisis and identity crisis. Now we have a new opportunity to experiment with what housing can mean in an experiment in learning."

Also participating in the ceremonies were: Elsa G. Sonnabend, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the Financial Development Committee; Eliot I. Snider, Chairman of the Building Committee; and William C. McConell, Jr., Chairman of the Corporation.

After a champagne box-honored, the sun came out past time for members of the faculty, administration, trustees, alumni and student groups to break ground near the location occupied by Oxford Hall a few weeks earlier.

Phase one construction plans include five academic-residential units facing a landscaped pedestrian mall. The lower levels of the five and six story structures will house educational functions, administrative activities and student services while the upper stories in four units will be devoted to residences.

The "urban academic village" intentionally rejects the usual praxis of locating such functional buildings in order to create and encourage a sense of close personal interaction among students, faculty, and administrators.

Included among the facilities are: a 60,000 volume library, a 500 seat lecture hall and theater, a biology laboratory, 4 classrooms, 4 seminar areas, 8 faculty offices, 3 admissions offices, parking for 40 cars, a coffee shop, a bookstore, and living accommodations for 155 students.

Architect for the new campus is Smith, Barker, Hansens of San Francisco, and prime contractor is the Sydney Construction Company, Newton.

An air of excitement has invaded the campus as the Lesley Community watches the daily progress of the construction. The end result, a unique architectural and educational concept, will more than compensate for temporary intrusions in classes as bulldozers compete with Beethoven and Bach for students' attention.

DEC. 15 DEADLINE FOR CHALLENGE GRANT

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NEW FACULTY APPOINTED

President Don A. Orton announced the appointment of 28 new faculty members to Lesley College and the Lesley College Schools for Children for the 1971-72 academic year. They come to Lesley with broad educational experiences and innovative ideas. Many come from large universities and are enthusiastic about the flexibility and diverse opportunities that a small campus provides.

The General Education Division at Lesley welcomes three members to the faculty: Joan Mirkin, B.A., Boston University, M.B.A.; Harvard Business School; William Alston, B.A., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D., Yale, and William Walters, B.A., Occidental College, M.A. Princeton University.


Roland Stern, B.A., Haverford College, joins the staff of the Lesley-Ellin School.

STUDY TOUR EXAMINES BRITISH OPEN SCHOOLS

Many activities are seen in a London open school.

London and vicinity were the setting for a Lesley College two week study tour in July to examine the British open school model and to study factors that would effect its adoption in the United States.

Open education is an activity oriented approach to learning based upon the natural curiosity of children. The teacher encourages and directs this curiosity and exploration while providing a stimulating physical environment which can maintain a love of learning.

The open school model, which has been widely adopted throughout England's primary schools (ages 4-7) and in junior schools (ages 8-11), is now evident in more and more high schools.

Sixteen educators from the Boston area participated in the study tour. Five people continued with a three week follow up workshop at Lesley.

The group consisted of ten schools, both traditional and modern, and six training colleges. But the learning did not stop there. Putting 16 educators together for two weeks, 24 hours per day spells an uncountable number of discussions, almost comparable to a two week education T group.

The group visited the open school, imprisoned by teachers and students, who are master teachers rather than master administrators, are given more autonomy and leeway to do their work. This autonomy is imperative for a successful education system.

The group returned to Cambridge with a more realistic perspective of the advantages and problems of open education. The group was enthusiastic about the positive values but were more aware of the thorough planning and tremendous demands required of the teacher.
Mary Day Warren is teaching grades 2, 3 and 4 in Hinesberd, Maine.

1966

Jeanne Heide, currently teaching third grade in Rockville, was a contributor to the October issue of Instructor. Her article, "Me and My Shadow," discusses a successful method used on a student who would not settle down to work.

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Marcia J. Chase is teaching this fall. Daniel is employed in a coed dormitory at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

1968

Mary Jane Giardina and Robert Edward Branner were married in June and live in Pitts­burgh. Robert, a graduate of Cornell, has been selected for the doctoral program in urban economics at Carnegie-Mellon Graduate School.

Diana Joan Young and Philip Gary Clark were married in August and are living in Hong­kong, where Diana teaches. Philip is a research assistant at the graduate school of Harvard University.

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Zaith Osherly Cauth is teaching third grade in Weymouth.

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The proceeds of the show and raffle went to the Lesley College Alumnae Scholarship Fund.

Raffle winners were: $100 savings bond – Mrs. Tremblay Mason White of Cambridge; $25 Lord and Taylor gift certificate – Daniel and A. J. Craven; another $25 – Mrs. Paul and Dorothy Hooper of Mansfield. A weekend for two at the Hyannisport Club, Rockport, and a weekend for two at the Hyannisport Club, Rockport, were won by Mrs. and Mr. Mark Aronson.

Mrs. Grace E. Thomson (G) 71 is teaching perceptually handicapped children in Wyoming.

Sharon Foote Waterman and Michael Elliott Berry were married in June and live in Rochester, N.Y. Sharon is teaching special education in the Merrimac School System and Michael is continuing his studies at the University of Lowell Technological Institute.

Janis Gail Fienstein and Andrew Marc Baer were married in August. The Baer's live in Cedar Grove, New Jersey.

Martha Jean Frederick and Guillermino Juan Vicens were married in August and are living in Cambridge. Martha teaches in Arlington. Guillermino graduated from MIT in 1970. He is a graduate student at MIT and research assistant in the depart­ment of civil engineering.

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adopted similar programs which provide opportunities for self-direction.

Lesley has been investigating several tentative January possibilities which include six study programs in Europe and five throughout the United States. The committee of four making courses will be available through a cooperative program with the Orion Wells Film School. Also, opportunities for internships with various schools, hospitals, museums, and other organizations have been arranged. On campus single-topic courses and workshops will be held.

Plans are underway to invite alumnae participation in many programs. Mailings will be sent to alumnae further explaining the January Alumnae College Program.

The opportunities for study are almost limitless. If a student decides not to participate in one of the programs organized by Lesley, with prior approval of a selected faculty sponsor, she can develop her specific area of interest. Students are required to complete a minimum of two credits, with the maximum possibility of four. Graduating seniors are encouraged to non-Lesley programs will be determined by the student and her advisor.

Dr. William L. Perry, Dean of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, one of the many people instrumental in developing the program, suggested that students use this time for experiences outside the classroom since Lesley already provides excellent classroom opportunities.

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The Lesley College Faculty unanimously adopted a proposal permitting students to take a maximum of two elective courses per academic year for a "Pass-Fail" grade. Adopted at the October faculty meeting, the proposal will be effective the second semester, 1971-1972.

The number of electives will be reduced by the number of required courses taken for "Pass-Fail." For example, students taking Freshman English, a required "Pass-Fail" course, may only take one additional course for "Pass-Fail." Students will be required to inform the professor by the third week of the term that they wish to receive a "Pass-Fail" grade.

There is a nationwide trend among colleges to adopt "Pass-Fail" policies. This provides an excellent opportunity for students to take courses in which they have an interest but would not elect under other circumstances because of academic threats.

Unlike Freshman English and Core, the two required "Pass-Fail" courses, there will not be a written evaluation by the professor of the student's performance.

ALUMNAE CLUB NOTES

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The Lesley College Worcester County Alumnae Club is holding a luncheon meeting on Saturday, November 6, at 1:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Country Club, Sutton, Mass. Dr. Peter Siegle, professor of sociology and anthropology at Lesley College, will speak about Lesley's Core Program.

NORTH SHORE

On November 20th the North Shore Club is sponsoring a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Stern (Margie Green Stern '39) of Marblehead. Co-chairmen are Sarah Cohen Rubin '75, Thelma Lishner Rubin '34, and Melba Collins Kyriacos '47.

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All North Shore Lesley alumnae are cordially invited to attend.

LESLEY COLLEGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 30 - Council for Regional Representatives (newly organized alumnae council) - Bronx, Holiday Inn, Cambridge.

November 3 - Civilization Film Series #5 - "The Hero as Artist." Renowned color film series on the cultural life of western man, written and narrated by art historian Kenneth Clark. Lesley College Gymnasium, 5:15 and 7:00 p.m. The public is invited.

November 6 and 7 - "Guaranteed Sunshine" at the 5th Annual Father-Daughter Weekend. Saturday: Brunch, White Hall; Harvard-Pimstone Football Game, Reception and dinner-dance, Statler Hilton. Sunday: Brunch, White Hall.

November 10 - Civilization Film Series #6 - "Protest and Communications." Lesley College Gymnasium, 5:15 and 7:00 p.m.

November 13 - Science Workshop - "Mess Around in Science." Presented by Dr. Norman Der, Assistant Professor of Education, Lesley College. A continuing education workshop for in-service teachers, parents, and friends. Sponsored by Lesley College Alumnae Association. Classroom Building, 10:00 a.m. For more information call the Alumnae Office at 868-9600, ex. 64.

November 17 - Civilization Film Series #7 - "Grandeur and Obedience." Lesley College Gymnasium, 5:15 and 7:00 p.m.

November 18 - New England Kindergarten Conference - Price-conference Workshop. For further information call Mrs. Mary Minniss at 868-9600.


November 19 - New England Kindergarten Conference. Annual all-day conference at Statler Hilton, Boston. Features nationally prominent educators speaking on a variety of subjects related to early childhood education. Keynote address: "There is No One Way," by Christine Branche, Director, Division of Early Childhood, Cleveland Public Schools; 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Sherry Hour - Sponsored by Lesley College Alumnae Association. Following Kindergarten Conferences at Statler Hilton; 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

November 23 - Lesley College Alumnae Board Meeting, Wolford Room, 7:00 p.m.

November 24-November 29 - Thanksgiving recess.