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• Strengthening the Alumni Connection •

SPRING 1996

LESLEY JOINS THE U. PLAN

Lesley recently joined 75 other Massachusetts colleges and universities participating in the state's U. PLAN - The Massachusetts College Savings Program.

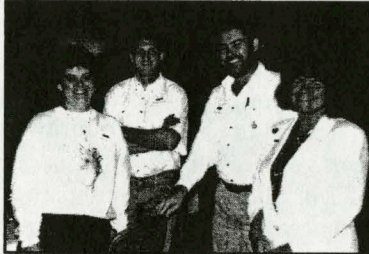
The U. PLAN is the state-sponsored college savings program that enables families to lock in tomorrow's tuition at today's rates. Families can either make a lump-sum purchase with a minimum of \$300 per year or establish a monthly installment plan for as little as \$25 per month. The investment is used to purchase Commonwealth-issued bonds representing a fixed percentage of tuition that will be guaranteed by the participating colleges and universities, regardless of future tuition increases. Investors whose children do not later attend a participating college, for any reason, receive their investment back with interest compounded annually based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI), free of Massachusetts state tax.

During its first annual, two-month enrollment period in 1995, the U. PLAN enrolled over 28,000 participants, making it the most successful prepaid tuition program in the country on a per capita basis.

Off-Campus Programs.... On the Move

Over 30 programs, ranging from Computers in Education & Creative Arts to Counseling/Psychology & Special Education will be offered this fall at off-campus sites throughout Massachusetts, Maine and Vermont. For a complete list of sites & programs being organized in the School of Education, Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences, or the Adult Baccalaureate College, contact Debbie Shapiro or Megan Clement at (617) 349-8360.

From Sea to Shining Sea



Over the course of this year, our Alumni Council representatives in the regions have been contacting alumni to help them catch up on Lesley activities and to learn of their interest in getting together as a group in the area where they live. The interest and enthusiasm so far has been tremendous!

From the Florida sunshine..... In January, a group of 60 alumni and friends gathered at the Breakers Hotel in West Palm Beach, Florida, for a brunch with President Margaret McKenna. Through the efforts of Council member Ellen Goldblatt Kramer '84, the event was very well received. Alumni from all schools of the College and representing graduation years from the 1950s to the 1990s had the opportunity to meet other alumni living in their area and to hear an update on what is happening at Lesley College today. President McKenna presented a slide show and discussed some of the major issues and priorities of the institution: the new four-school structure (with our new School of Education); renovations to the campus; program highlights, including the tremendous success of The Reading Recovery Program; and technology across the campus, including a Home Page which is under construction on the Internet. Because of the enthusiasm of the group, Kramer remarked that she "hopes to build on this initial gathering but needs everyone's ideas on how to proceed from here." Suggestions for future Florida events include holding workshops related to Computers in the Classroom, Reading Recovery, Career Development, or planning social events.

To the Pacific Ocean..... Council members Marybeth Reen-Desai '85 and Ellen Schwartz Hartford '74 hosted high tea in March for Bay Area Lesley (see page 2)

Alumni Authors: A Subject for Every Reader and Classroom

Lesley alumni love to write. Fiction and non-fiction, first and third person, funny and serious. Fictional books, poems, picture books, guide books, handbooks, and cooking books are just a few of the creative subjects forwarded to the Alumni Office by proud alumni authors.

Given the hundreds of titles published by alumni, it is impossible to review all of them, but here is a small sampling of recent titles:

Home Cooking from Nantucket by Nancy Asche Ivas '92G provides a veritable broth of ideas to warm up on cold days. After eating a large meal, alumni might want to settle back with Dream Driftings: Poetry and Photographs by Judith Zinn '91G which combines nature photos taken in Colorado with poetry. Another photography book by Dore Gardner '74G details charismatic healers throughout Mexico and Mexican-American communities.

Lesley graduates looking for more information on endangered ecosystems can read This Land is Your Land by Alex J. Naar '91G. The book explains the damage being done to America's ecosystems, and what can be done to save and restore them.

Alumni seeking information on child care can read Who Cares for the Baby, Choice in Child Care by Beatrice Marden Glickman '40, which describes alternative child care services.

Cynthia Conway Waring '81 has written a resource book for early intervention reading support, which includes listings of special education teachers, reading specialists and classroom teachers. Teachers seeking information about

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PLEASE VOTE!

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

May 18

Art Workshop for Non-Art Teachers:
Marbleizing, Printing, and Tissue Collage

Exploring Cultural Identity: Impact on
Teaching and Pedagogy

Skill Building for Team Effectiveness

May 18 or June 8

Drama and Learning

Integrating Multicultural Content into the
Social Studies Curriculum

May 25

Working with Families

June 1

African-American History and Life: Using
Local Historical Resources

Alternative Assessment for K-8 Readers
and Writers

Developmentally Appropriate Instruc-
tional Methods: Hands-on Learning

June 8

Using Technology to Enhance Literacy in
a Content Area

June 15

Hands-on Development of Paper, Image
Making and the Writing of Student Books

Communication Skills for Teachers:
Parents and Colleague Emphasis

Participants earn 8 Professional Develop-
ment points per workshop. Certificates of
Completion provided upon request.

Cost: \$195 per workshop. For more
information, please call Claudia Christie
at (617)349-8428.

SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

If you haven't already, call the Alumni Office to request an application for a Lesley College VISA Card. Rates are competitive and numerous benefits are offered. And, every time you use the card, the Alumni Association will receive additional income at no extra cost to you! So put Lesley in your pocket and support your alma mater!

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alumni at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, California. Many alumni commented that it was a "lovely event and it was great to see old friends and meet new ones." The tea included both undergraduate and graduate alumni from 1952 through 1995. Because of the commitment of the alumni in the area, future plans may include forming an alumni chapter board, being involved in community service activities, and planning social gatherings. Another possibility is to invite faculty members to give lectures in the areas of personal development, education, and business.

*High in the Rockies.....*One of the largest concentrations of alumni is in Colorado, and efforts continue to connect with alumni in this region. Council members Judy Elsen '86G, Bonnie Pache '90G and Joan Wood '85G have been in touch with many alumni to learn what they are currently doing, and to update them on Lesley and Alumni Association activities. Depending on response, programs will be planned around areas of alumni interest, related to Creative Arts or Computers in Education.

*To the Mid-West.....*This spring a gathering has been planned for alumni in the Cleveland area. Organized by Council member Janice Ryan Plas '53, the event will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, and will be a great opportunity for alumni in the area to meet one another and chat over afternoon tea.

Watch for events being organized in other regions of the country, and join in the fun to meet or re-connect with your Lesley neighbors. Call the Alumni Office to find out the name of the region representative in your area.

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how men and women are depicted in the media can read Gender in Popular Culture: Images of Men and Women in Literature, Visual Media and Material Culture, by Susan Rollins '63.

Parents and teachers seeking information on improving students' learning styles can select from several books by Thomas Armstrong '76G, which include In Their Own Way: Discovering and Encouraging Your Child's Personal Learning Style and 7 Kinds of Smart: Discovering and Developing Your Many Intelligences.

Helping children understand the world around them is the theme of two story-hour books by professional storyteller Evelyn M. Finnegan '48. These books are entitled My Little Friend Goes To A Baseball Game and My Little Friend Goes to the Dentist. Many of the authors are reveling in their new found fame, as Kathleen C. Dahlquist '34 wrote last year after publishing her children's book The Little Brown Donkey. "I am now enjoying celebrity status! At age 81, it has been most exciting and gratifying, too."

Judith Poole '88G provides guidance on exercises and meditations in The Little Grounding Book, designed to reduce stress and improve the healing process. Several alumni authors have penned dramatic works of fiction, including Margot McKinney Bouchard '91G and Rigmor Christiansen Holdt '65G. Ms. Bouchard's book Journey to Peace tells of a young girl caught at the end of World War II, and her journey home in the midst of chaos and destruction. Ms. Holdt's book The Glistening Isle describes a fictional family suffering through the social and economic struggles of the first written divorce in Denmark in 1797.

Less gripping but perhaps as complex a topic, computer technology has been mastered by several alumni who live to tell about it. Eileen Barnett '89G has published three books about using computers in the classroom. Integrating Computers in Your Classroom: Elementary Science, Early Childhood and Elementary Grades are for experienced teachers just learning technology. Sheila Brack '79G has co-authored a directory of Apple software for grades K-3. Entitled Primary Curriculum - Related Software, the book reviews 40+ products used during the 1992 school year.

There are many other business and technology books created by the prolific School of Management alumni, and we'll review some of them in a future article. If your book has been recently published, be sure to send information about it to the Alumni Office so it can be included in future editions of the Lantern.

Alumni Association Slate of Nominees

The Nominations & Elections Committee of the Alumni Council is pleased to present the following slate of nominees for your vote:

Alumni Council Officers (two-year terms unless otherwise noted)

President - Helene Maltzman '79, '85G - Helene received a bachelor's and master's of science in education. She has served on the Alumni Council as Treasurer and also as Chair of the Fundraising Committee. She is currently working in the MBA Career Center at Northeastern University and resides in Brookline, MA.

Vice President - Frank Mercurio '84SOM, '91 SOM - Frank received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the School of Management. He has served on the Alumni Council as a Division Representative for the School of Management for the past three years. During that time he has also been Chair of the SOM Alumni Committee and a member of the Executive Committee. He currently is employed by Digital Equipment Corporation and resides in Westford, MA.

Secretary - Ellen Kramer '84 - Ellen received a bachelor of science in human services. She has served on the Alumni Council as a Region IV Representative for the past two years and has helped plan successful alumni gatherings in Florida. She is currently working at Kelly Assisted Living Services and resides in Boca Raton, FL.

Alumni Council Representatives (three-year terms, unless otherwise noted)

Undergraduate School - Michelle Cafasso '90 - Michelle received a bachelor of science in education. She helped to organize her 5th reunion in 1995 and has served as co-chair of the Silent Auction Committee. As a student at Lesley she was a resident's assistant for her sophomore and junior years. She is currently a para-professional in education & resides in Stoneham, MA.

Graduate School - Kathleen Hanson '93G - Kathleen is a graduate of the Denver Outreach Program in Creative Arts in Learning. She has been a

music teacher for over 15 years and has been involved in numerous committees and organizations. Kathleen resides in Englewood, CO.

School of Management - Phyllis Nei Cohen '86SOM, '91SOM - Phyllis received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the School of Management. She has served as a member of the SOM Alumni Committee for the past years. She has her own marketing business and resides in Harvard, MA.

Region I - Susan Geller '67 - Susan received a bachelor of science in education. She is currently a high school guidance counselor and is an active member of her school and community. She resides in Pittsfield, MA.

Region II - Claire Cochrane '94G - Claire received a master of science in education. Claire is a teacher of unified arts in an elementary school and is an active member of her community. She is also currently an off-campus site coordinator for Creative Arts and Learning in Vermont and she resides in West Danville, VT.

Region III - Susan Harlow Howe '62 - Susan received a bachelor of science in education. She is an active member within her community and school. She currently works at the Fairfax

County Library and resides in Alexandria, VA.

Region IV - Deborah Scaringe '94 - Deborah received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and natural sciences and has served on the Alumni Council as the Region IV Representative for the past year. She currently teaches 8th grade science and resides in Charlotte, NC.

Region V - Marybeth Reen-Desai '85 - Marybeth received a bachelor of science in education and has served on the Alumni Council as Region V Representative for the past three years. She has been a member of the Fundraising Committee and has planned successful alumni gatherings in the San Jose area. She is currently a stay-at-home mom in San Jose, CA.

Alumni Trustee - Eileen Ladieu '90G - Eileen received a bachelor of science from the Adult Baccalaureate program in the Graduate School. Eileen has served on the Alumni Council as a Region I Representative and Chair of the Awards Committee for the past three years. She is also a member of the Executive Committee. She is currently president of the Boston/Kyoto Sister City Fund and resides in Cambridge, MA.



1996 BALLOT

For your vote to be counted, please mark this ballot, cut out the form, and mail by May 28 to: Nominations & Elections Committee, Alumni Office, Lesley College, 29 Everett Street, Cambridge, MA 02138-2790.

- I approve the slate
 I do not approve the slate

I am interested in more information or want to be a volunteer for the following alumni activities:

- Alumni Admissions Program
 Alumni Community Service Projects
 Class Correspondent Program
 Reunion
 Regional Activities
 I would like to know more about the work of the Alumni Council and committees.

Please check the label on the reverse side and note corrections on it if mailing information is incorrect.

COMING EVENTS for more information or to sign up, call 617-349-8622

**School of Undergraduate Studies
Senior Cocktail Party**

All alumni are invited to relive the excitement of college graduation and join us in welcoming the Class of 1996 into the Alumni Association. For more information please contact the Alumni Office at (617) 349-8622. Thursday, May 16, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Commencement

At Gosman Center, Brandeis University. For more information, call (617) 349-8530. Monday, May 20.

Reunion '96

Whether you graduated five years ago or fifty years ago, it's time to come back and celebrate your Reunion. Join the fun and come back to campus for a great weekend. May 31, June 1 & 2.

The Lesley Lantern, a publication for and by alumni, is published twice a year. Submission of articles is always welcome. Please submit copy for consideration to the Alumni Office, 29 Everett Street, Cambridge, MA 02138-2790.

**SELECTED CONFERENCES &
INSTITUTES**

**Creating Peaceable School
Communities**

For more information call (617) 349-8491. July 8-12.

**Literacy Institute-Valuing
Multiple Literacies: Authentic
Learning Across Curriculum**

For more information call (617) 349-8225. July 8-12.

**Symposium of Arts and Multi-
Cultural Education**

For more information, call (617) 349-8383. July 8-12.

**Inclusion Institute: Curriculum
Connections for all Students**

For more information, call (617) 349-8377. July 15-19.

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