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## Poetry Events At Lesley (PEAL)

**PEAL** is a monthly poetry series created by Lesley College adjunct faculty member Elizabeth McKim to bring to Lesley an array of distinguished Boston-area poets. Poets chosen exemplify the richness and diversity of poetic voices and include nationally known artists; writers and performers; poets working in schools with children and teachers; and Lesley faculty and staff poets. All PEAL events are free and open to the public. Each presentation will be followed by a book signing and reception. The next PEAL event features Carolyn Wright and Michael Siegell on Thursday, December 5, 1996 at 12:00 noon, Porter Exchange room 414.

This is a one of a kind opportunity to hear poetry by Indian women who have long been silenced. Poet and translator, Carolyn Wright, will read from two collections of poetry by Bengali women poets. Her translations have received high praise. Appreciation for these brave and powerful poems has emerged through the talent and enormous effort of Carolyn Wright.

The poetry will be followed by an Indian musical interlude played by accomplished sitarist Michael Siegell who has studied, taught and performed Indian music for many years locally, nationally and in India, and whose sensitivity and craft have long been admired and warmly received by audiences.

Upcoming PEAL events are scheduled for March 19, 1997, April 10, 1997, and May 6, 1997.

Contact Peggy Barrasso at (617) 349-8634 for more details.

## Greetings From The New Alumni Relations Office!

Just as the leaves have changed, so has the Alumni Relations staff. Since Tricia Kramer's promotion to Director of Development for Operations, **Mark LaFrance** has been hired as the new Director of Alumni Relations. Mark comes to Lesley from Boston University Sargent



College of Allied Health Professions where he was the sole Alumni Officer working with over 10,000 alumni! He brings a great deal of experience in planning and implementing programs and reunions as well as having the ability to foster wonderful relationships with Alumni. He is very excited to be at Lesley and looks forward to hearing from and meeting the Lesley alumni.

**Tricia Blackstock**, '88, has been working at Lesley as the Assistant Director of Residence Life for the past 2 1/2 years. She made the transition to the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations position in August. She hopes to bring her knowledge of the campus as well as her insight into the needs of Alumni to the office for some exciting programs and a lot of personal contact.

We were also able to add a new staff member to the office who will lend much needed support to the Director. **Amanda Spooner** is the Assistant to the Director for Special Projects. Amanda will be working on Reunion '97, the Alumni/Admissions Network in the Women's College, and with our regional representatives.

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## Lesley Crew Rows the Charles

By Meredith Lasna, '97 SUS

The Head of the Charles Regatta is the pinnacle of the fall season for all rowers, not only in the northeast, but all around the world. Rowers are awestruck by the magnitude of the regatta, and it is no different for the members of Lesley Crew, for whom the Charles River is home.

The team was started only four years ago, and Lesley Crew's "varsity eight" made their first appearance in the Head of the Charles in 1994. We were proud to be there to represent our school. Last year also marked the first time Lesley Crew appeared in the Head of the Charles with our own oars. We were there to prove to ourselves and to others that we were a crew team to contend with.

We finally felt like we were becoming our own team, no longer totally dependent on other teams for equipment.

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## Did You Know...

--that Karan A. Merry '79 G, is the new Headmistress of the Kent Place School.

--that Mary DeVeau '93 SOM, has been named chief executive officer at the North Shore's adult home care provider, Senior Advantage.

--that Irene Baker '77 UG has been named assistant principal at the Duxbury Elementary School.

--that Diane Murry '96 G, started the Women's Studies program at Grays Harbor College in Washington state in 1983. It is very successful after thirteen years!

--that there are over 2,500 Alums in the Denver Metropolitan Area.

## New Scholarship Award!

The Alumni Scholar Award is a new merit opportunity which is a \$5,000 scholarship given to a select number of accepted freshmen applicants who have been recommended by a Lesley College alumna/us. If you know of any young women who are investigating the opportunities at Lesley and who may be strong candidates for the merit scholarship, you are encouraged to highlight this award for them and to support their candidacy. For more information please contact Amanda Spooner at (617) 349-8800.

## Reunion '97 - Dare to be There!

On the weekend of June 6-8, all UGS classes ending in "2" or "7" will celebrate their Reunion. Mark your calendars and plan to return to Lesley for some of the enticing and exciting activities which may include a traditional New England Clambake, a leisurely cruise down the Charles River and a Silent Auction. Volunteers are needed from each reunioneing class to help in all aspects of Reunion planning. Call Amanda Spooner at (617) 349-8618 to let her know if you'd like to help out!

## ALUMNI COUNCIL COMMENTS...

A message from the Alumni Association President:

The Alumni Council met in October and participated in a weekend long, annual retreat in Falmouth on Cape Cod. Twenty-two dedicated Council members from all over the country, including Florida, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Ohio, New York, and Massachusetts attended the retreat. Highlights of the weekend included:

- Introduction of new staff and council members;
- An overview of enrollment management and recruiting changes by Norman Puffett, Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Planning;
- The Kick off point to begin implementation of the 5 goals for the Alumni Association.

We welcome alumni involvement, feedback, suggestions and participation. For more information, or to become involved, please contact your regional representative or the Alumni Relations Office at 617-349-8622. You can still support the Alumni Association by applying for a Lesley College VISA card. The card is available to all those associated with the College and offers low costs and numerous benefits. And, each time the card is used, the Alumni Association receives additional income at no extra cost to the user.

Contact the Alumni Office to apply for your VISA card today!

**Helene Maltzman '79UG, '85G**  
**President, Alumni Association**

## New Staff, continued from page 1

**Donna Berman**, the Alumni Relations Coordinator, began at Lesley in July and has been busy keeping the office running during the transition. Donna focuses on the Class Notes program as well as boosting fundraising efforts for the Alumni Council.

We would like to invite all Lesley alumni to contact our office at (617) 349-8622 with any questions or to stop by our new "home" at 1627 Mass. Ave. to say hello. We look forward to meeting and working with you in the near future.

## Lesley Crew, continued from page 1

This year the Head of the Charles was going to be even more exciting for us because we would have raced in Lesley College's first boat, the "Polly V". Named after Polly VanDernoot '67, the purchase of the boat was made possible from a donation made by Paula and Richard VanDernoot and friends. We had a strong season, and anticipated that this would be a great race.

Unfortunately, rather than seeing the crew's power and strength, we were all witness to Mother Nature's strong winds and rain which forced the cancellation of the regatta, the first time in over thirty years. Even though this was bad news for us, there was something positive to look forward to. For us, the good news is that all of the members of the varsity team will return for next year's season. We are looking forward to spring season, and will come back even stronger in the fall!!



## Nominations Sought for Alumni Awards

This year the Alumni Association Awards will be presented on June 7, 1997, during Reunion Weekend. Alumni from all schools of the College are eligible; members of the Alumni Council are not eligible.

**THE MYRTLE PEIRCE AULENBACK ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** honors an alumna/us for volunteer service to Lesley College. Criteria include length of service to the College and scope of impact on others. Examples include serving on Alumni Association Committees and working with Admissions and the Career Resource Center.

**THE SALLY K. LENHARDT PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD** honors an alumna/us for leadership in education, human services, or management. Criteria include professional affiliations, publications, awards, and recommendations.

**THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** honors an alumna/us for service to education, human services or management organizations. Criteria include scope of impact on others, length of service, number of organizations served, and serving as an elected official.



### 1997 ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATION

Mail this form along with any supporting information which you can obtain about the nominee by **February 3, 1997** to:

Chair, Awards Committee  
Alumni Relations Office  
Lesley College  
29 Everett Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138-2790

You can can can can

I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

for the: ☐ Myrtle Peirce Aulenback Alumni Achievement Award

☐ Sally K. Lenhardt Professional Leadership Award

☐ Alumni Community Service Award

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ School: ☐ UG ☐ GS ☐ SOM

Nomination submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ School: ☐ UG ☐ GS ☐ SOM

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have notified the alumna/us about the nomination ☐ Yes ☐ No

## REGIONAL OUTREACH CONTINUES

This year the Alumni Council regional representatives are working hard to contact alumni in their area to introduce themselves, discuss what's new at Lesley, hear alumni thoughts and ideas, and obtain any updated address or career information. If you haven't recently received a call from the region rep in your area, you may be receiving one soon.

Enclosed is a current list of region reps. If you have news to report or programming ideas to share, feel free to give your rep a call:

Claire Cochrane '94 G  
West Danville, VT (802) 563-2405

Ellen Schwartz Hartford '74 UG  
Palo Alto, CA (415) 941-9730

Ellen Goldblatt Kramer '84 UG  
Boca Raton, FL (407) 477-9766

Peggy McLaughlin '85 G  
Fairfield, CT (203) 972-1734

Mary Lally Nolan '74 UG  
Philadelphia, PA (215) 242-2358

Larry Oliva '84 SOM  
Dearborn, MI (313) 336-5639

Jean Birmingham Osofsky '67 UG, '93 G  
Pine Plains, NY (518) 398-7511

Bonnie Wolvin Pache '90 G  
Arvada, CO (303) 467-0077

Lana Paige Quincy '92 UG  
Stratford, CT (203) 380-2986

Janice Ryan Plas '53 UG  
Shaker Heights, OH (216) 491-8733

Adrianne Newman '90 UG  
Reading, MA (617) 942-2276

Lura Moore Smith '92 SOM  
Lowell, MA (508) 656-3110

Deborah Scaringe '94 UG  
Charlotte, NC (704) 841-8225

Kathleen Hanson '93 G  
Aurora, CO (303) 745-8387

Anne Davis Polestra '81 G  
Woodside, CA (415) 299-9584

Marybeth Reen-Desai '86 UG  
New Cannan, CT (203) 966-4186

They would love to hear from you!



## UPCOMING EVENTS (for more information , call 617-349-8622)

### St. Mary's Women and Infants

### Center-"An Evening for Moms"-

**Tue. December 10th, 6:30p.m.** In

the spirit of the holiday season, join other Lesley alumni for "An Evening for Moms" at the Center. We will offer crafts and other projects for the young women. St. Mary's Women and Infants Center provides shelter, residential treatment and case management, along with health care, education, and support services to pregnant and parenting teens, women and children. If you would like to participate or have special skills or suggestions of activities to plan for the evening, please call the Director of Alumni Relations, Mark LaFrance, at (617) 349-8625. Sponsored by the Alumni Service Committee.

### Career Resource Center-

### Successful Interviewing Workshop

**December 17, 5-7 p.m. Wolfard**

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This workshop includes guidelines for interview preparation, strategies for effective communication, and tips for responding to difficult questions. Reservations required. Please call (617)349-8550 to reserve your space.

### Literacy Institute - Wed. April 23, and Thurs. April 24, 1997

The annual Literacy Institute for elementary and middle school teachers and administrators will be held in April. For more information and details, contact Patricia Crain deGalace at (617) 349-8225.

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**Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season!**

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