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LEARNING FROM THE HOLOCAUST

An Educational Experience in 2 Countries and 4 Cities

Lesley alumni are encouraged to participate in an extraordinary experience. *Learning from the Holocaust* is a four-city tour of the history of the Holocaust. It combines a look at contemporary Germany and Poland with visits to the living monuments which commemorate and illuminate the Holocaust. Communities in Krakow and Warsaw, concentration camps in Poland and Germany, the Wannsee Conference Center where the "final solution" was designed, and Nuremberg, where Hitler made his most inflammatory speeches, and where the Nazis who implemented his policies were tried and convicted for crimes against humanity, will be visited.

Learning from the Holocaust is designed for: educators who teach Holocaust studies in schools and colleges; individuals whose personal history is rooted in the venues of the Holocaust; persons wishing to explore the ethical, political, social, and spiritual dimensions of the Holocaust; psychologists and historians who are concerned with exploring the behavioral determinants of genocide; and students wishing to combine voyage with meaningful study.

Traveling together on a bus for ten days in the company of a Lesley College Holocaust educator and a tour guide, participants gain historical and contemporary information about the towns, cities, and countryside which form the trip's itinerary. The trip alternates planned activities with unstructured time.

The trip takes place from July 13-23, 1998 and there is a 10% alumni discount. For more information, contact Barbara Vacarr at (617) 349-8469 or bvacarr@mail.lesley.edu.

Technology Survey: Successful Results

by Cal Carpenter, Adjunct Faculty

A tip-of-the-hat goes out for the tremendous response by Lesley College alumni who participated this summer in a survey about computer-based telecommunications. The randomly chosen recipients of the survey spanned graduates from all of the Lesley schools of the past decade. They reported from 32 different states and two countries outside of the U.S. The results have been tabulated and are being analyzed by School of Education adjunct faculty member Cal Carpenter; those results are being presented to the Offices of Information Technology, Computer Services, and Alumni Relations.

Due to overwhelming response, and the implication that the results would be of interest to the larger Lesley alumni community, the results are being published here rather than being sent out to the individual participants only.

Analysis of survey results finds that 93.5% of alumni have access to computers either at work or at home, and that 64.8% of those responding have access to the Internet as well. While a few alumni (11.8%) have visited the Lesley web site (www.lesley.edu) it is hoped that increased awareness of the site will prompt greater use. Only 20.8% indicate that an introduction to telecommunications was a part of their degree program, yet 59% report that they have been involved with courses, workshops, or presentations outside of Lesley to update and/or improve their knowledge of telecommunications. 63% of the respondents identify that they are involved in the field of education. Of the educators, 89% are connected to public school districts, and 68% report that telecommunications access is available at their schools for their students.

Of the 93.5% of alumni who use computer technology, 15 % view themselves as beginners, 38.2% find they are comfortable with computers for their own use, 16.6% identify that they collaborate with others, and

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Getting Involved . . . It's Easier Than You Think!!

by Liz Rosseel, Michelle Cafasso, and Tricia Blackstock

"Lesley helped bring me out of my shell and gave me some wonderful leadership opportunities. This is my way of giving something back." Amy Friedman '74 SUS

Have you been thinking about giving something back to Lesley? Something valuable? How about your time, energy and commitment! There are a variety of volunteer opportunities in Lesley's Alumni Association, including participation in 10 different committees and the Alumni Council. There is a match for your skills, time availability, and personal interests.

There are several reasons for volunteering. This is what some of our alumni shared about why they volunteer at Lesley:

"I was very involved as an undergraduate student at Lesley and have continued the connection since I left. I can't seem to stop!" Michelle O'Brien '82 SUS.

"To be with like-minded people who share a standard of excellence and have have a similar vision. I get back more than I give". Carol Sullivan-Hanley '86 SOE

"After I left my graduate program in '88, I missed the people, the place, and the sense of connection that is so unique to Lesley. I missed being part of a vital, caring, learning community and knew that volunteer work could give me that chance to be a part of that again". Liz Rosseel '88 GSASS

If you want to renew your connection to Lesley by becoming involved, please call us at 617-349-8622 or e-mail us at alumni@lesley.edu.

Did You Know...

Lesley College

- Currently has 6200 students enrolled?
- Awarded 1888 degrees in May, 1997?
- Is 15th in the nation for the number of Graduate Degrees awarded?
- Is one of two accredited non-Israeli institutions recognized by the Israeli government?
- Has 123 sites off-campus, including sites in Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, South Carolina, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming?
- Has International exchange programs in Israel, Japan, Switzerland, England and Sweden?

New Staff Join the Development Office

During the past few months, Lesley has been busy filling some important Development positions:

Margaret McNamara, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, has been doing corporate / foundation work for the past several years, most recently at Princeton University. "To compete successfully for funding, it is especially important to highlight the accomplishments of Lesley alumni in all grant applications, for it is these achievements that best indicate the quality of Lesley's academic programs, faculty, and ability to train leaders in a wide range of fields". For more information, contact Margaret at 617-349-8633.

Karin E.S. Blum, Director of Annual Giving, previously directed the annual fund program for Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel. "As I work to increase alumni giving rates this year, I am looking forward to meeting personally with both graduate and undergraduate alumni, and talking with you about joining Lesley's Leadership Gift Societies". Karin can be reached at 617-349-8636.

Grant Whitney, Planned Giving Officer, is an attorney with specific training in the planned giving area. "I am especially looking forward to working with First Alumnae to increase participation in the Edith Lesley Wolfard Society, recognizing individuals who have made lifetime financial commitments supporting Lesley and its mission". Grant can be reached at 617-349-8635.

Please feel free to contact Margaret, Karin or Grant. They welcome your comments, questions and suggestions and look forward to meeting many of you during the coming year.

A Message from your Alumni Association President

As your representatives of the Alumni Association, the Alumni Council members have been focused and energized to work on the following goals for the 1997-1998 year:

**Enhancing communication between the four schools, the Alumni Association, and the Office of Alumni Relations.*

**Creating programs to increase the financial stability of the Alumni Association, allowing us to conduct more and varied programming for all members of our alumni community.*

**Continuing to encourage all Lesley alumni to remain involved with the fun and worthwhile work being done by the Alumni Council and various committees.*

In addition, we are looking at how technology can keep us connected as alumni through the Lesley web site and through e-mail. As always, I welcome your ideas and feedback on how to accomplish these worthwhile goals, and I encourage you to become involved in the Alumni Council or on a committee. It continues to be a rewarding experience for me, and it can be for you too.

Helene Maltzman '79 SUS, '85 SOE

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24.3% report that they are active in teaching others about technology.

In telecommunications, 68.8% report that they are involved with electronic mail. 56.5% of the respondents access the World Wide Web. 78.1% of the respondents perceive that there are obstacles to effective telecommunications use in either a personal or professional capacity. Lack of time, training, technical support and connections difficulties are among the most commonly identified obstacles faced by those Lesley alumni. Absent funding of telecommunications activities, outdated equipment and unavailable technology are cited as problem areas, along with a lack of administrative support in the workplace. Respondents report that they are unsure of the quality of online resources, that they don't know where to find desired information and that they have a fear of inappropriate material from the Internet.

A desire for an improvement to personal/professional telecommunications capabilities is reported by 88.7% surveyed. The ability to take inexpensive, non-credit, on-line seminars to upgrade skills was identified by 66.6%. Respondents would like access to data resources such as lesson plans or professional journals, access to freeware and shareware to use on their computers. The ability to take on-line graduate level courses for advanced credit was also cited. Respondents would also like the ability to access online technical support for hardware and software questions, notification of conferences, speakers and on or off campus events. Respondents would like access to information regarding alumni benefits, forums or discussion groups for collaborative contact and would like the ability to electronically publish acceptable articles or research papers.

The impressive response rate from Lesley alumni has provoked a more detailed view of how this community can be addressed by the college. Watch for the roll-out of the Lesley College Alumni Web Site coming soon to the Lesley home page at www.lesley.edu!

Have You Checked Your Will Lately?

Did you know that life insurance proceeds often create higher than necessary estate taxes, ultimately decreasing what gets distributed to your loved ones? To learn more about protecting your assets for those near and dear to you, while benefiting Lesley, please call Grant Whitney in the Planned Giving Office at 617-349-8635.

Nominations Sought for Alumni Awards

This year the Alumni Association Awards will be presented on June 6, 1998, 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.



1998 ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATION

Mail this form along with any supporting information (i.e. a curriculum vitae or resume) which you can obtain about the nominee by **March 20, 1998** to:

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

I nominate: _____

for the: ☐ Myrtle Peirce Aulenback Alumni Achievement Award

☐ Sally K. Lenhardt Professional Leadership Award

☐ Alumni Community Service Award

Class Year _____ School: ☐ SUS ☐ GSASS ☐ SOM ☐ SOE

Nomination submitted by _____

Class Year _____ School: ☐ SUS ☐ GSASS ☐ SOM ☐ SOE

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 a 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 representative a call:

Peggy Barasso '90 SUS
Waltham, MA (617)899-6275

Amy Friedman '74 SUS
Hamden, CT (203)288-2800

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

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

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

Vicky LoBrutto '94 GSASS
Red Hook, NY (914) 876-1445

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

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

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Philadelphia, PA (215) 242-2358

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

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

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

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

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

Stacey Ungar '93 SUS
Boston, MA (617) 731-1088

They would love to hear from you!

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

Poetry Events at Lesley (PEAL): Continuance and Change with Marilou Awiakta

PEAL brings you Marilou Awiakta, a Cherokee/Appalachian writer from Memphis, Tennessee. A warm and engaging poet, storyteller and wisewoman, she braids her art and teaching together around the theme of continuance. She is the author of SELU: Seeking the Corn Mother's Wisdom, the award winning collection of her essays, poems and stories.

Thursday, November 20, 1997

4:00 p.m., Welch Auditorium

New England Kindergarten Conference

Join us for the 35th Annual New England Kindergarten Conference serving Pre-K - Grade 3 programs. Featuring new strategies for managing the inclusive classroom and promoting literacy for all children. To request further information and registration materials, call the NEKC Office at 617-349-8922.

Thursday - Saturday, November 20-22

Randolph, MA

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

ATTENTION TEACHERS.....We're looking for Lesley alums who have been awarded "Teacher of the Year" at the school, district, state or national level. If you or someone you know has received this honor, please let us know by calling 1-800-999-1959, extension 8622, e-mail us at alumni@lesley.edu or fax us at 617-349-8599. Please include **your** name, the name of the "Teacher of the Year" (if different), the school name, city, state and year of graduation. Thanks and we look forward to bragging about you!

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.

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Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season!

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