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STANDARDS TO BE RAISED

In answer to a lot of questions which you and your friends have been asking, The Lantern is publishing this article to show just how the standards of Lesley College have been, and continue to be, raised. Naturally, anything like this operates in many directions. In terms of the faculty came since last Fall no faculty member without a degree, or its equivalent, or his doctorate (accept in the case of the Physical Education instructor) has been, or will be, employed. Each instructor must have a minimum of at least five years of teaching experience in his subject field. All faculty members are being urged to make professional advancement by doing some work on advanced degrees or in their subject, and by contributing to professional and general publications. As you know, Dr. White, Dean Thurber, Dr. Dearborn, Dr. Atkins, Miss O'Connor and Miss Stains have already published much material, while Miss Sharples and Mrs. McCormack are at work on projects which will presently be published.

Today at Lesley 100 per cent of our faculty have their B. A.; ninety per cent have their Masters, or 60 per cent their Doctorate. All the others complete these degrees by the spring of their Doctorates. Contrast this with the year 1940, when 42 per cent had no degree; 28 per cent their B. A.; 23 per cent their M. A. and 3 per cent their Doctorates. (Educators consider this the other way to raise a school's standards and insisting on a minimum of experience the second way.) Next year the department of Child Health will have its first M. D., Miss Crocker, increased by at least one and maybe two instructors. An assistant for Miss O'Connor is also projected.

Another way in which standards are raised is by increasing our Library. In 1940, we had 900 books of different title. Now we have almost 16,000, with 14,000 different titles. This year we added, among hundreds of other books, four new sets of encyclopedias.

The classes given at Lesley now are in general parallel with those in the Curriculum of the best Teacher's Colleges throughout the country. Our outstanding point is that nearly 500 hours of practical teaching are required for a Lesley degree. This is quite twenty than the experience required by other Teacher's Colleges.

Next Fall, degree candidates will be admitted for entrance at Lesley only if they have completed a course in any continuing subject which falls below C-; all marks must average to B. This means that all courses must be academic; and no girl will be accepted if she is from a non-accredited high school.

Saturday, April 17, Lesley held its annual Open House. Everyone who stayed through the day realized that they were starting into the coming day this possible. Cook, gardener, professor and student alike all plunged in to make our college - first rate. Jerry Foran was Mistress of Ceremonies and aided Virginia Woodbury, who was in charge of the entire program. This is the first year S. G. A. has been given full responsibility for Open House.

Elvina Tarney was in charge of the exhibits; Betty Smickler in charge of decorations; Jane Spaulding headed the decoration committee, and Betty Oceran and Pam Brown were chairman of ushers.

The morning was given to those early comers whose prime purpose was to see the college and its activities. However, in the afternoon, the scheduled program was presented for their enjoyment and appreciation of our work.

The Glee Club gave a brief recital, followed by Dr. White's welcoming address, then climaxing the afternoon were the fourteen girls who were chosen by their class to serve on the panel discussion. They were: Seniors, Virginia Heffeman, Marcia Lewis; Juniors: Lee McLean, Dorothy Sharples, Spaulding, Sophomore: Lesley O'Connor and Miss Sharples. Junior, Lee Winn; Graduate Student: June Tyler.

The discussion was under the direction of Miss Stains, serving chairman of the panel. Their topic was "Our Children: Slave, Criminal, Citizen," which led to a heated discussion and much controversy throughout, leaving the audience with mental intruders, these intruders constituting the present day problems of our youth.

The clever and original decorations done by Professor Sharples, were the cause of the general outbursts of appreciation and admiration. All realize how very valuable artistic hands and a quick mind can be in this respect, and our humble gratitude is sent to Miss Sharples.

Nancy Daupenert was in charge of the open house which ended the college year's big day. Everything was done in the traditional Lesley fashion - simple, worthy and beneficial to all.

The faculty is now considering a proposal to make any grade below C- count for degree credit, although it is passing. A girl getting a D plus or below, would be withdrawn as a candidate for a degree. If she can bring it up to a C- for the year, she will receive credit. Any girl receiving a grade below C- would be placed on academic probation. In the case of dormitory students, evening and week-end privileges would be withdrawn. If these new rules are put through, they will go into action in September.

Proof that we have already raised our standards is shown in the fact that we have been approved for graduate work by the University of New York, Massachusetts, Maine and many others.

CONCERT GIVEN AT HOTEL VENDOME

The annual concert by the Lesley College Glee Club was held at the Hotel Vendome on Friday evening, April 13. The first part of the program consisted of old favorites and several new pieces. Audrey Beff and Ruthy Halloran, lovely sopranos, were soloists. Piano solos were played by Ligi Goddard and Elma Fome. The second part of the program was a delightful opus centered on Mother Goosen's birthday. Two groups of twelve presented "Peter Piper" and "The Two Clocks." Seven of the famous Mother Goose characters were portrayed by members of the Glee Club. Beverly Strout made a lovable Mother Goose, while Vally Angell was a sweet "Mary, Quite Contrary." Bernice Robinson was "Little Robin Red Breast;" Carolyn Arne and Ruthless Burner were "Jack and Jill;" Lili Goddard was "Little Miss Muffet" and Audrey Brush was "Little Bo Peep." The charm of the characters added much to the very original opera.

DRAMATIC CLUB

The Dynamic Club of Lesley College presented its next play, "Seven Sisters," on May 14, 1948, at the Peabody Playhouse.

CANDIDATES PRESENT PLATFORM

With the election drawing close we are hearing more and more discussion regarding the relative merits of the Presidential aspirants. This is all very good, for it shows there is a spririt the campus which has never been seen before. In previous years there was no campaigning and not everyone voted.

There have been many procedures set at Lesley this year, but probably none have been as far reaching as the campaigning proceeding. Keep the S. G. A., for election. The idea of a Campaign Week, which includes speech making and the circulation of campaign posters in the dorms and smokers, is unique on the campus. The general interest in this affair by the students and administration, for they know that the girls appreciate the importance of having a fine President to carry on the great work that has been done so far.

We give now a resume of the platforms presented by the candidates:

NORMA PERRINS:

To work for the interests of the girls and for the college would seem the most imperative to me, as organization leader. To prophesy on the unforeseen and state the solutions would be a waste of time. Keeping Lesley College and its students first in mind at all times, would be an invaluable contribution. Proof of the interest of the girls and the college would be the VENDOME PERFORMANCE.
FASHION
Spring has come and once again we see the colorful dresses and suits gracing the campus. The suits vary in style and color. Sharkskin, Gien pads, and bright broad suits seem to be the favor­ite. For the tops this season, the shorty is most appealing: These feature both the swing back and the box cut. If any of you have last year's coat and fished it too short, just take scissors in hand and chop off a few inches and then you will have an extra skirt, either for school or for summer. Some of the gals in "31" have tried it, and take my word, it really does change your appearance, and provides you with an additional cost for that "special date."

As yet, cottons haven't bloomed forth on campus, but it won't be long before they will appear en masse. So, if you don't want to spend too much on cottons—well, buy a black cotton skirt with the "New Look" and with a few of last year's blouses you have an extra skirt for this year's spring and summer wardrobe. Tre chic!

Have you obtained a navy dress yet? Navy blue is most becoming. For the younger ladies, navy is THE thing for your wardrobe. Navy makes one look cool as a cucumber on the hottest of hot days. So, take a jaunt in town and stop at Filene's for that black cotton skirt. Cold-shoulders have been added to your wardrobe for those summer nights, when you wear your white dress with the gold belt and gold sandals. Looks very suave, you know. Those fortunate new returning from Florida say gold kid was all the rage this season. Believe it or not, Boston is ahead of Washington in bringing the New Look. From a reliable source comes the word that the women of Washington are not wearing the one sided hats and neither are they wearing the long skirts. So, for once, conservative Boston is ahead of Sophisticate Washington, and has abandoned its conventionalities to be well dressed in the eyes of the modern public of today. If you are fortunate enough to own several ranges of clothing bearing the New Look, then you can be well assured that you are definitely keeping up with changing modern trend in style.

Incidentally, the hats this season are very exotic and are featured in all pastel shades. The open crowned hat is still popular, but the round, close fitting hats are gradually sneaking into the pic­ture. The more fantastic the style of the hat, either is its color or its shape, the more chic one looks. If you have an old leghorn hat at home, be sure to drag it out, add a few pads, a bowling veil, and you will definitely have that classic appearance with your summer dresses.

Chiffon skirts are still in style, es­pecially for summer, under your cottons. If your dresses are a trifle short, just wear an extra long petticoat and you will have the new look.
MEET YOUR SENIORS

AURIEA RUPERT
Weight, 145 lbs.
Height, 6 feet, 4 inches
Eyes, brown-blue
1. Ambition - to achieve success as a teacher then to be successful as a wife and mother
2. Dislikes - having someone slow me down in my direction when I'm eating; having anyone talk raucously during a movie.
3. What was the most exciting thing that ever happened to you? The first time I attended a concert performed by Jaques Haefelin, and later seeing him leave the building.
4. Philosophy of life - "To do unto others as I would have others do unto me."
5. Ideal man - The person who becomes my husband and the father of my children.
6. Future plans - To teach a few years.
7. What are your pastimes or hobbies? - Collecting miniature sets of tea sets, attending ballets and knitting.
8. Memories of Lesley - Earning a place on the Dean's list, attending my first dance here, making lasting friends, and going out to practice teaching.

KATHY HALLORAN
Weight, 111 lbs.
Height, 5 feet, 2 inches
Hair, light brown
Eyes, blue
1. Ambition in life - To teach a while and then get married, being a successful teacher and having a good home.
2. Dislikes - An noisy eater.
3. What was the most exciting thing that ever happened to you? The first time I rode Pulman alone.
4. Philosophy of life - What you can't help by acting, you can't help by worrying. "What's in, man?" Can't tell, don't know what I think I'm meant to be.
5. Future plans - Teaching.
6. What are your pastimes or hobbies? - Swimming, tennis, skating.
7. Memories of Lesley - Practicing teaching, cramming for exams, and what I want to remember, the girls I have met here.

VIRGINIA HOFFMAN
Weight, 119 lbs.
Height, 6 feet, 3 inches
Eyes, blue-grey
1. Ambition in life - To be a successful teacher and having a good home.
2. Dislikes - A noisy eater.
3. What was the most exciting thing that ever happened to you? The first time I rode Pulman alone.
4. Philosophy of Life - What you can't help by acting, you can't help by worrying. "What's in, man?" Can't tell, don't know what I think I'm meant to be.
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GASTON ROBERT
Weight, 120 lbs.
Height, 5 feet, 2 inches
Hair, black
Eyes, brown
1. Ambition in life - To be a successful teacher and having a good home.
2. Dislikes - A noisy eater.
3. What was the most exciting thing that ever happened to you? The first time I rode Pulman alone.
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JUNE MACCARY
Weight, 116 lbs.
Height, 5 feet, 2 inches
Hair, dark brown
Eyes, brown
1. Ambition in life - To teach a while and then get married, being a successful teacher and having a good home.
2. Dislikes - A noisy eater.
3. What was the most exciting thing that ever happened to you? The first time I rode Pulman alone.
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In this new area around Lesley what makes the girls' eyes shine? Could it be the open conver­­tibles, the walls along the Charles River, the leaves budding, green grass, the Harvard boys sporting new white shoes, or Spring fever?

This rare fever comes once a year, just after the last snow has left the hard ground and just before families pack up and leave for the summer. One symptom is always the same; an overabun­­dance of Spring fever. This spirit felt by all. This spirit that there is really wonder­­ful. If there is anything you would like to see, please tell us.

ROBERTA SIBOR
Weight, 109 lbs.
Height, 5 feet, 8 inches
Hair, light brown
Eyes, blue
1. Ambition in life - To teach a while and then get married, being a successful teacher and having a good home.
2. Dislikes - A noisy eater.
3. What was the most exciting thing that ever happened to you? The first time I rode Pulman alone.
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JEAN NELSON
Weight, 105-110 lbs.
Height, 5 feet, 6 inches
Hair, brown.
Eyes, blue-green-grey.
1. Ambition in life - To be a success and to be happy at what­­ever.
2. Dislikes - Too many to put down. Mainly, people who use other people to further their own ends.
3. The most exciting thing that ever happened - Hasn't happened yet.
4. Philosophy of Life - The difficult to do immediately, the im­­possible to take a little longer.
5. Future plans - Teaching, the tens of millions in one hundred, the tens of thousands of others in­­cluding the spirit felt by all. This spirit that this disease is here to stay.

JEAN RUPERT
Weight, 105-110 lbs.
Height, 5 feet, 6 inches
Hair, brown.
Eyes, blue-green-grey.
1. Ambition in life - To be a success and to be happy at what­­ever.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Dear Editor:
We all feel it will be difficult to choose the S. G. A. President because all the candidates have so much to offer, but I would like to say a word in behalf of Jane Spaulding, whom I believe will make an excellent President.
Jane has been active in extra curricular activities since her Freshman year. She has held positions of leadership and responsibility and knows how both should be handled. She is a staunch supporter of Lesley and has always done her utmost to help the College grow. Not only has she done assigned jobs well, but has on her own initiative, done things for the College. We are all familiar with Jane store, and with the mes, "Les" which she designed and made.
Of course she has had experience in the Government and has had a chance to see what she believes should be done to continue its success. All things considered, it would seem that Jane Spaulding would make an excellent S. G. A. President.
Sincerely,
A Spaulding Supporter

To the Editor:
April 26th is a decisive day for all of us here at Lesley, for on that day we will vote in the skipper of the good ship "Lesley." With this choice, the future of this next year will be largely determined. Thank to the expert name of our present skipper, our vessel is strong and ship-shape; but it doesn't take much of a bump on a rough sea to put a large hole in the bottom. Even a brisk wind can foul the lines! Our skipper must be able to foresee danger when the storm is coming, and at the same time be a good rough-weather sailor, with the ability to steer a safe course through a storm.

Who could better answer our needs than Norma Perkins? Norma has all the qualities we seek in a capable skipper; good judgement, managerial ability, courage, loyalty, and honesty. Above all she has the desire to do anything within her power that would be to the benefit of Lesley! She has also a warmth and human understanding that makes her concerned with Lesley not only collectively, but individually. We could certainly nowhere find a person with more energy to tackle this difficult, but important office. Norma needs no testimonial in her behalf, for all of us have been on the receiving end of her thoughtfulness; and have also witnessed her ability to handle any difficulty, or to follow through a plan with good judgment and with poise. No matter how you look at it, Norma's the gal we need. For a steady hand on the tiller, vote for Norma!

Dear Editor:
I would like to endorse the candidacy of Virginia Woodbury for the Presidency of the Student Government Association. To me such an endorsement, certain second reasons should be advanced to explain such a choice. These are my reasons:

1) My most compelling reason is based on my interpretation of the office of Student Government. To me, that office is the one which represents our school to outside bodies. Without any intention of reflecting upon the capabilities of the other two candidates, both of whom are fine girls, Virginia, I believe, best combines the elements of intelligence, efficiency, and public presence required by the office. Those who have seen her performing at social functions will, I am sure, confirm my belief that her graciousness, sincerity, and her ability to meet people and make them feel at home.

2) The second element and an equally important one, is experience — Executive experience for our college problems. Virginia's record in this regard speaks for itself. Two years president of her class, three years member of the Student Government, Dance Committee Chairman, Editor of the Handbook, and Chairman of the Open House.

3) My third reason is familiarity with the S. G. A., its operation, purpose, and concept of its future. Having been a member for three years, Virginia obviously knows the mechanics of its operation. Anyone who has talked with her knows that she conceives of it in the future as the body best fitted to bring all the elements of Lesley together into a happy and unified whole.

She wants us to be proud of our college and to feel a part of it. She will direct the S. G. A. toward that end.

I believe that end is what we want and Virginia Woodbury is the girl who can achieve it. Virginia is the gal who can here it.

Respectfully yours,
A Classmate

SUMMER FACE LIFTING
This summer there will be a number of repairs made on the buildings on the campus. Every house is to be painted on the exterior. All dorms will bear new coats of paint when the girls return in the fall.

Forty-four Oxford Street is going to have some new fire escapes.

They will be passed on the side facing Everett Street.

The office that Mrs. Bouma now occupies will become a reception room for Dean Thurber and Mrs. Bouma. Her new office will be just outside the present one. The reception room will then be in the middle of the three rooms used by the administration.

From a new viewpoint, the old Everett Street, which is used for education classes, is to be completely redone this summer. It will be painted and made more attractive for class held there. Also to be renovated is the Assembly Hall. From all reports, Lesley should be a busy place this summer.

Besides telling us about the "face lifting" which will be going on around here, Dr. White mentioned that the Department of Recreation, which meets here last year, will hold its meetings here again. The same procedure will be followed this summer, as was last. Approximately four hundred workers from this State are expected to attend the Institute.
It will meet on June 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

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CIRCLE ONE NAME ONLY

Ellis Arnell
Leverett Saltonstall
Harold L. Stassen
Robert A. Taft
Harry S. Truman
Arthur H. Vandenberg
Henry A. Wallace
Earl Warren

CIRCLE YOUR PARTY PREFERENCE
Democratic

Republican

Progressive (Third Party)

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