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Lesley Builds New Dormitory

Early last month President White received the welcomed news that the federal government had approved the plans for Lesley's new dormitory, and would furnish $640,000 toward its construction. This long dreamed project will be begun this fall presumably to be ready for occupancy in September of 1957. The scale model pictured on this page shows a 4-story building entirely modern and functional in design with the particular feature of a terraced amphitheatre, where outdoor plays, musicals and special activities can be held. Doors lead off the rooms into a large lounge behind which will be a small library, a date room and social room. Beyond the wall, at the end of the lounge will be a cafeteria and dining rooms. A snack bar and periodical rooms will be in the basement.

On the floor above that is dormitory bedrooms. The building will house approximately 140 girls and one house director. The house director's suite will be on the first floor and there will be one single room for every ten double rooms. There will be a second floor containing a large recreation hall.

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DR. WOLFARD RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE CITATION

Dr. Meri Ruskin Wolfard:

Son of pioneer parents, you clearly caught from them that vision which determines a man in his thinking "to sail beyond the sunset" on a never-ending voyage of exploration. Your life reflects the scholar's zeal to discover and assess the meaning of both material and the intangible. You have revealed your creative talent in many fields - engineer, inventor, educator, research specialist, churchman, author, sportsman - and to each you have made contributions that are considerable. The Board of Trustees of Lesley College recognizes your distinguished career. It Evaluation the scholar's zeal to discover and assess the meaning of both material and the intangible. You have revealed your creative talent in many fields - engineer, inventor, educator, research specialist, churchman, author, sportsman - and to each you have made contributions that are considerable. The Board of Trustees of Lesley College recognizes your distinguished career. It evaluates it particularly in terms of your service to the college and maintaining the institution your wife founded. The Trustees are grateful and pleased, then, further to add to your distinctions by conferring upon you the honorary degree of

DOCTOR OF LETTERS

September 19, 1956

1956 ORIENTATION AT LESLEY

On September 16, 1956 the class of '60 joined our Lesley family. The freshman dorm opened and the girls moved in acquainting themselves with each other. After supper and a general house meeting, a cake and chip party was given to them by the Student Government Council.

On Monday and Tuesday the standing Lesley Elens were introduced to the administration staff and to each of the student council members. After having some tests the highlight of the week was enjoyed by all as an outing was planned for all new students with food, transportation, and recreation provided.

The big and little sisters had a luau in their dean's office on Wednesday and fall convocation followed. To end the few days of orientation which will long be remembered by many will be a tea given in the library for the entire college.

A WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT WHITE

It is doubtless an incurable optimism that leads me, each September, to say to Lesley girls: "This will be the best year ever!" Yet it does seem to me that the record proves the prediction. Our college grows in size, strength, in reputation, and in accomplishment with every succeeding season. This year, for example, we have so much to look forward to—the new dormitory, new opportunities curricularly and extra-curricularly, new projects for all, planned by the S.G.A.—why shouldn't 1956-57 be our best year? It gives me much satisfaction, therefore, to welcome you, knowing that the months to follow will be both joyous and profitable.

Trentwell Mason White

With only two years to go before celebrating its fiftieth birthday, Lesley College began the first semester of 1956-57 with Fall Convocation at the First Church, Congregational, Cambridge, Wednesday afternoon, September 19th. Dr. Russell G. Schofield, college chaplain, offered the invocation; Dean Clarke White brought greetings from the faculty; and Dr. Livingston Steedman, chairman of Lesley's Board of Trustees, gave the best wishes of the College's governing body to the 590 assembled undergraduates, largest enrollment in our history. The occasion marked the first fall since Dr. Cyril L. Reynolds' retirement.

Dean Thurbert Receives Honorary Degree Citation

Clara Marion Thurbert:

In 1944 when our institution's fortunes were at their lowest ebb, financially, educationally, reputationally, you came to us. To do this, you left a position of success and security, turning your back on opportunity to live most dangerously indeed. And at that time, the reasonable question was why? In the years since, the record of our college under your academic management gives the finest answer we know. You and we have had the satisfaction of seeing Lesley grow under your hand from scores to hundreds of students; from no recognition to complete accreditation; from a local to a national reputation for sound instruction. You have contributed as much of yourself, modestly, unselfishly, freely, that, in truth, Lesley's success is your success. The Board of Trustees in appreciation of your extraordinary contribution to our college, to its past, its present, and its future, honors itself and you as it confers upon you the honorary degree of

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The Lantern Wishes To Say:

Hope you had a wonderful summer! Glad to see you back!

LESLEY COLLEGE

...and fruitful. The college has much to give you; faculty, administrative officials, students, and a quantity of new reference materials.

...and the college together. Take, freely and largely of what is here for you; and, freely and largely, of your own uncoerced mind, heart, and powers. May you leave Lesley, four years hence, not only a graduate, but a man—one of the worthiest and most seasoned young men, four years more mature, four years more capable, four years happier.

THE BIG ELECTION YEAR

What is the destiny of our great nation? Will there be peace or ravaging war? Will prosperity and individual rights continue to exist? These are questions that are on the mind of every citizen of the United States as the presidential election draws nearer. What do we want, what do we need, who holds the highest office in the land, can determine the future of over 165 million human beings by his policies. Who are the candidates and what do they stand for? Let us look at them.

During the latter part of August two political conventions met: one for the first was in Chicago. It was at this time that the Democrats chose Adlai E. Stevenson to represent them in the presidential race. As his running mate Estes Kefauver was chosen after a close race with various other candidates. A week later in San Francisco the Republican party decided to stick with President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice-President Richard Nixon. All these men are well qualified and have had a great deal of experience in the field of politics. However, it is important that we know that each man stands for different policies of his party he will uphold. Therefore we should carefully examine the party programs.

Three important matters that the party platforms are concerned with are Foreign Policy, Civil Rights, and Taxation. Let us compare the various views of each party on these matters. The big question in foreign affairs is the Arab-Israel dispute. The Republicans feel that force should not be used in integration of schools in the South. The Republicans endorse the Supreme Court decision and feel House Conferences should be held to aid the Supreme Court. The Democrats feel that force should not be used in integration of schools and at the same time they respect the authority of the Supreme Court. The last major issue is that of taxation. In this matter the Republicans favor a general policy of tax reduction, a balanced budget, and a reduction of national debt. The Democrats feel that a raise in personal income exemptions and a balanced budget. The only "bird's eye view" of a few of the policies each party has incorporated in their platform.

The election of this great land can determine its destiny. Therefore, we should carefully follow the campaign of the candidates. Remember, it's our country and this election will definitely have an effect on our personal future.

FOUR

The kindergarten teacher helping the very young child adjust to the first years of school, the physics instructor facing an experiment in the laboratory, the music teacher leading the college band, or the physical education director coaching a team . . . .each one is a teacher, yet each needs different interests and abilities and you are finding the adjustment a little too much to cope with, just think of my advice. I should know, I was a freshman a long time ago—last year.

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NEW FACES AT LESLEY

Many of you have probably noticed several new faces at Lesley this fall. Both our administration and our faculty have added a new variety to the student body. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce these people to you and welcome them to our College.

In the past there has always been a smiling face in the Admissions Office, and now there is another. This charming face belongs to Mrs. Thomas Ackerson, who is Assistant Director of Admissions in the absence of Mrs. Boulanger. If you have a request or a question to make, you will find Mrs. Ackerson very helpful.

Mrs. Ackerson comes to us with a background of experience. After graduating from the College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School at Boston University, she became an instructor in English at Westbrook Junior College. For the past seven years Mrs. Ackerson has been Assistant in the Recorder's Office in the College of Liberal Arts at B.U., and we are proud to have her here at Lesley.

Secretary to the Director of Admissions is Mrs. James B. Hughes, who handles the many other details of our College of Pharmacy at Temple University.

Another face that will be familiar to us in time is that of Miss Sandra Atkinson who is Secretary to the President and is attending Colby College in Maine. Miss Atkinson graduated from Fisher Secretarial School in the fall of 1954.

Miss Debbie House, who attended the University of Connecticut and the Cape Cod Secretarial School, is our new Recorder and Secretary.

MONEY FOR MERIT

Joan Palmer, Vice President of S.G.C., likes to tell the students how hard the group is working this year to increase the endowment. In previous years Student Government has allocated money for merit scholarships. Each student is pledged to return the funds to the endowment and this pledge must be enforced. The 1955-1956 fund was the first Acquaintance Dance of the year. This program is being held this year by our music staff members to visit various school systems and to bring back to the students insights from those systems. The procedure is in keeping with our desire to make our music program at Lesley as strong as possible and to acquaint our students with activities of others engaged in the work of interesting children in music.

Tennis Anyone?

Joan Sullivan, in charge of sports here at Lesley, has something important to say to the students.

"In conjunction with the poll taken on an intramural recreation program during the last semester, the Student Government, has, at its own expense, made arrangements for the use of the courts at the Plantingfields Tennis Club. The matches will be held on evenings at sixty-three. The players must supply their own rackets and equipment."

The Compass Club Speaks

Sandra Schlesinger, president of the Compass Club, when interviewed by a LANTERN reporter, made the following statement for publication:

"The Compass Club, sometimes known as the "help others" club, expects to hold a series of activities for whose members did field work in settlement houses, hospitals and mental hospitals. In addition to these activities, we collected for various charities, conducted a blood drive, mended and painted broken toys for underprivileged children, and collected used clothing, which is a fashion in which we can proceed of which sent two children to summer camp. Under the guidance of Dr. Isaac Schlesinger, our advisor, we plan to do this program during the coming year and seek out more ways to help others. All of the members of the Compass Club feel a deep sense of being able to help those less fortunate than themselves. There is a job for everyone in the Compass Club. Won't you help us to help others?"

Lesley's Music Program

The principal goal of music education in the elementary schools is to develop the student's sensitivity to music. According to the latest report of the National Music Education conference, children will acquire a liking for the subject if there is a balanced program of activities which will give the students a variety of experiences with which they can be successful. Our music teachers, therefore, are making every effort to familiarize the training teacher with materials and techniques designed to introduce students only in musical experiences related to all other school subjects. We have courses in music appreciation, modern music and the historical development of music, and are always glad to have old people with the activity outlines published by the National Music Educators Associations available.

All Lesley students are required to participate in the music teaching workshops and to take a course in music fundamentals. From these courses they gain enough experience to be able to meet children's classroom needs. This year we are offering additional courses in music fundamentals. From these courses they gain enough experience to be able to meet children's classroom needs.

Note: Miss Murray is our new Music Education advisor. This is in charge of sports here at Lesley, has something important to say to the students.

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WHY WE HAVE ADOPTED A DEMERIT SYSTEM

Upon browsing through your Student Government Handbook, you will perhaps be aware of the new demerit system, which we have adopted. This system has been adopted because it is the fairest way of determining how much each charity would receive. During the academic year, speakers from various organizations will be held at similar times. Each charity is given a certain number of demerits for traffic violations. If you choose to attend one of these charities there is no penalty. There were no well conducted dances this year. Whether or not Lesley students go to these dances is up to them.

We all have a mind that seeks information. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask us. We are more than willing to help."

A Trip To Europe

Our Dean, Miss Clara M. Thurber, and our art teacher, Miss Dorothy Sharples, spent their vacation this summer touring Europe in an automobile. Miss Sharples' account of their trip was written by them:

"Off into the air on June the twelfth, we headed for a long anticipated vacation and exploration trip. Breakfast in Iceland, tea in Norway, and smorgasbord in Denmark were all part of a delightful experience we flew through the 'land of the midnight sun' via the great northern circle.

"After an all too brief visit to the Scandinavian countries, we arrived in Hamburg, where our new blue Volkswagen awaited us. We named it 'the Blue Bird,' for we knew it would bring us much happiness as we flew in over the highways of Europe.

"We were to go in and out of Germany many times in the weeks to come and were to see many phases of its delightful landscape. Now we basked in the charm as we made our way to the land of the dykes.

"Holland is a story in itself with its peaceful villages, quiet, but busy, canals and lovely cities. We were in Amsterdam, fascinat ing in its festive decoration for the opening of the Rembrandt Festival— the great artist's birth; The Hague (our Maduraarken) a delightful minas to the Netherlands.

"Maritime provinces have colorful places to visit. "Just off 1672 Mass. Ave.

"We must visit to the land filled with memories dear to the heart of every lover of our tradition. Climbing this episode of our journey was an evening visit to a new addition of the House of Commons, attendance at Malins in Westminster Abbey, and finally tea in the presence of a new British prime minister and the mother of another.

"These are but a few of the memories connected with the beginning of a journey leading into France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Bavaria, Liechtenstein, and Luxembourg— each rich with experience and memories too numerous to enlarge upon in this brief account.

"All that we felt through the land and along many serpentine roads, we made our way helpful, friendly people and traveled so precious to us. After a truly stimulating and rewarding experience, we are even more aware of our own cultural heritage and more appreciative of the possibilities, of the newness and freshness of our own country with its many opportunities for growth and progress.

"Signed,

Dorothy E. Sharples
Clara M. Thurber
DORMITORY... (Continued from Page 1)

square common study, which has a bal-
case overlooking Oxford Street. Every d-
floor will be equipped with laundry-
tables, showers and bathtubs, so that 
complete services are available for each 
group. All floors will have at least two 
telephones.

There has been some talk about a sun 
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to include in our current plans.

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