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Lesley Receives Ford Grant

On Monday, December 12, 1955, the Ford Foundation made an announcement which electrified every member of our Lesley family. Lesley had been included among the selected 615 regionally accredited, privately-supported, liberal arts and science colleges and universities in the United States to receive a special grant of many thousands of dollars to help raise faculty salaries.

Henry Ford II, chairman of the Foundation's Trustees, said in part in explaining the grant, "All the objectives of higher education ultimately depend upon the quality of teaching. In the opinion of the Foundation's Trustees, private and corporate philanthropy can make no better investment of its resources than in helping to strengthen American education at its base—the quality of its teaching . . ."

The grant to Lesley, currently set at \$64,000, will be paid in two parts, the first coming to the college on or before July 1, 1956; the other, one year later. Only the income from the invested principal is to be available annually for the projected raises. At the end of ten years, the principal, representing the actual salary-budget for full-time Lesley teachers in the arts and sciences during the college year 1954-55, becomes free of restriction and may be used according to the discretion of the college.

Miss Katherine G. Stains wishes to announce that the book entitled *Thimble Bells Tinkle* will be off the press about the first of March. The delay in publication has been due to several reasons, and Miss Stains appreciates the patience of all those good people who have ordered it. Will anyone who has sent in an order and who has not received a notice of postponement please notify Miss Stains? Copies of the book will be delivered in the early part of March. For those who have not ordered the book and who would like to have it, copies will be available in the book store about the fifteenth of March.

MISS TRUDY SALOMAN TO PLAY WITH BOSTON CIVIC SYMPHONY



Miss Trudi Saloman will be playing with the Civic Symphony Orchestra of Boston, Inc. at Jordan Hall, February 9, at 8:30. Miss Saloman is the instructor of Lesley's basic piano program originated last year to meet the needs of the students.

In 1954 at Lesley Night at the Boston Pops, Miss Saloman was the guest soloist. Since then she has concertized extensively. She has been chosen by Paul Cherkassy to play with Civic Symphony, the brilliant "Burlesque" for piano and orchestra by Richard Strauss. We are very proud of the achievements of our faculty member, and are sure that our Lesley family will want to attend this outstanding concert. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Gray.

LIBRARY CONTEST

The Library Committee announces a Personal Library Contest for Lesley students. The purpose of the contest is to give support and encouragement to those students who are interested in building up, in their undergraduate years, a collection of worthwhile books as the nucleus of a permanent personal library.

Shortly before Commencement, those students who wish to compete in the contest, will be asked to put their own personal libraries on display; and a prize of one hundred dollars, half in books of the contestant's choice, and half in cash, will be awarded to the one whose collection, in the opinion of the judges, represents the best collection and selection.

The one hundred dollar prize is being given by Dr. Livingston Stebbins, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lesley College.

The following stipulations have been agreed upon by the Library Committee:

1. Each contestant shall display as many books as she chooses, but (a) no more than seventy-five; and (b) she will be given the space of one ordinary card table upon which to display her books. She may provide not more than two shelves above the table.

2 All books must be the personal possession of the student exhibiting them.

3 All books will be judged on the following points:

- a. Their suitability, usefulness and value for the undergraduate.
- b. Each collection will be judged as a whole; a well rounded unit should be the goal; a collection of unrelated books would be less desirable. The library might show, however, a broad range of interests or a specialized interest in some narrower field.

The Library Committee plans to post a detailed statement of the rules and some suggestions soon after the beginning of next semester.

ALA Grant

The Livingston Stebbins Library of Lesley College has been selected to receive one of the 1,600 sets of Great Books of the Western World being distributed through a selection committee of the American Library Association under a grant from the Old Dominion Foundation.

To assure that an adequate cross-section of universities, colleges and public libraries possessed the set, the Old Dominion Foundation advanced a sum sufficient to distribute 1,000 sets and invited the American Library Association to serve as the agency of selection and distribution. A special ALA Great Books Selection Committee, appointed for this purpose by the ALA Executive Board, has been working at this project for several months. The celebrated 54-volume work, including the unique idea-index the Syntopicon, was produced by Encyclopedia Britannica in collaboration with the University of Chicago.

Following is a description of Great Books of the Western World by Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc:

"The set contains 54 volumes encompassing 443 works by 74 authors span-

ning Western thought from Homer and the Bible to the 20th century. The set contains whole works, not excerpts, and for 21 of the 74 authors, ALL their works. It represents the only publication in English, or the only edition aside from rare or expensive printings of key works by Aristotle, Hippocrates, Galen, Euclid, Archimedes, Ptolemy, Copernicus, Galileo, Harvey, Descartes, Pascal, Newton, Montesquieu, Kant, Lavoisier, Fourier, Faraday and Freud.

"The set includes 12,000 pages of original writing, including Dr. Hutchins' introductory volume, "The Great Conversation," and the 102 introductory essays in The Syntopicon by Dr. Adler. The unique contribution of the set is the Syntopicon, Volumes 2 and 3. It comprises an "idea index" through which it is possible to trace 102 fundamental "Great Ideas" and their 2,987 subordinate topics through all the writings in Volumes 4 to 54 of the set.

"The Syntopicon operates in the field of ideas as the dictionary does in the field of words and the encyclopedia in the field of facts, thus constituting a third basic reference work. There are 163,000 references to the volume, page, and part of page in which the 2,987 topics are discussed in the 443 works."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 23-Feb. 1 Exam period.
- Feb. 6 Classes resume 9 a. m.
- Feb. 11 National Teachers Exams.
- Feb. 17 Alumni Square Dance.
- Feb. 17-23 Washington's Birthday Recess.
- Feb. 24 Penguin Jam Session.
- Mar. 10 Worcester Tech Glee Club Concert.
- Mar. 14 Vespers.
- Mar. 16 Building Fund Acquaintance Dance.
- Mar. 17 Glee Club Concert at Worcester Tech.

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Going To The Moon

(Based on the Article "Dust on the Moon", TIME, 12/12/55)

Apparently, scientists are concerned that some commonly held notions about the surface of the moon need revising. Thomas Gold, of Britain's Royal Greenwich Observatory, believes that the earth's satellite may have plains of fine powdered dust which measure in depth from 100 feet to several miles. Imagine what reverberations can result if this theory is proven fact. Moon dust will become a household word more important than aspirin, *pepsodent*, or chlorophyl. Soon television commercials will be praising the achievements of moon dust in their products. Face powder will give your complexion a thrilling new lunar glow, hair sprays will produce a moon net, and teeth will sparkle because of deep crater dust. Wait, too, for mattresses filled with lunar particles; and moon-improved cake mixes.

But, alas, not all expectations about the moon can be optimistic. Think of the poor universal traveler who must land on the satellite's surface. Apparently, because of the dust, space ships will have to be equipped with skis or runners. Of course, this could lead to a new sport: space ship races down Crater Copernicus.

A warning, however, is given to certain individuals who may suffer from hay fever, or who have an asthmatic condition. Since earth dust is usually irritating to such persons, moon dust, because there is so much of it, would be disastrous; perhaps, even fatal. With these people in view, it is obvious that the moon must no longer be considered a large sphere of green cheese. Space travelers who are preparing to reach the moon, must make ready for operation "Big Sneeze."

Rosemary Baer

Relax For Efficiency

Scientists who have made extensive studies of the art of relaxation insist that few people really know how to relax, especially at a time when relaxation is necessary to their well-being. For example, a busy man finds it difficult to force himself to relax and cannot do so until he releases all mental tension. The experts are thus convinced that relaxation, to be effective, must be spontaneous.

At times the ability to relax is as important as diligence in producing the best results from work. Since the mind is always working, it naturally follows that it will operate more efficiently when fresh and rested than when overloaded. The best way, for instance, to do homework is to space the work between periods of leisurely diversions, resting the mind and thus enabling it to concentrate more successfully.

Lesley College, like other colleges, must, of course, stress the necessity for hard work. However, some attention to relaxation would certainly do no harm.

Joan Paresky

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Ever heard the saying, "Anything is possible?" Oh, yes, you have; particularly when everything is going well. In other words you may have the feeling that "I've got the world on a string". May I ask this question? What happens when you find yourself in the "I hate the world" or "everything is against me" mood?

Just remember that there will probably be many times during the course of the year that these thoughts will be yours, especially when the pressure is on; tests, papers, ten books to read in a week, and final exams coming up! Then woe is me!

To a child anything is possible, how about you, the adult? Yes, if we but stop to think, anything is possible, but it is up to you, the individual, to make it so by work, application, drudgery, and more work. Such effort is impossible to the child; the adult finds he can do it, and that it is the key to "anything is possible".

Sheila A. Collins

Building Fund Progress Report

DECEMBER BALANCE	\$7,287.79
DONATIONS	
Lois Finke	
Norma Burns	
Jeanne Raynard	
Phyllis Weinstein	16.00
Bank	6.46
Cake Sale	127.04
JANUARY TOTAL	149.50
BALANCE	\$7,437.29

IN APPRECIATION

Those of us who were on the Lesley College campus between the years 1947 and 1952 had the good fortune to know Mrs. Walter F. Colwell, house director of Mellen Hall and later of Parker Hall. She was affectionately known as "Anne" among her close associates. "Her girls" in the dormitory referred to her as "Mother Colwell", because she truly was a second mother to them. Most of "Mother Colwell's girls" continued their priceless friendship with her even after they had graduated. When she was unable because of illness, to continue her role as a Lesley College house director, she was deluged with letters and visits from her Lesley friends. To know her was to love her. She was always kind. The needs of others came before her own. Her generosity in giving to others what she had learned in the experience of living was appreciated. She never tired in her effort to be of service to "her girls" and her associates at Lesley, and she enjoyed doing it. Her jolly good humor, sincerity, simplicity, compassion, and complete selflessness will be remembered by many. On December the tenth, Mrs. Colwell died. There will be numerous individuals who can never forget her presence and what it did for them.

Katherine G. Stains

Dear Eileen,

Please extend our appreciation to the Penguins for the newly decorated faculty lounge. The members of the Faculty are delighted with it. The color adds not only warmth to the room, but cheer to our dispositions as well.

We also want to thank you for the stunning floor lamp. It is most functional and proves to be very much in demand. We are indeed grateful for your thoughtfulness

Alma MacCormack
Social Chairman

CARDINAL NEWMAN DAY

Lesley's Newman Club will join with the 700 other Newman Clubs in observance of National Cardinal Newman Day, Sunday February 26. These clubs, which exist to promote the spiritual, social and intellectual welfare of the 300,000 Catholic students on secular campuses, are named after the English Cardinal.

Father James O'Brien, Chaplain at the University of Connecticut, will broadcast over the "Church of the Air" program on C. B. S. that day. John Henry Cardinal Newman, convert to the Catholic Faith, is known as the author of "Lead Kindly Light," "The Idea of a University" and *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*.

Father Wilfred Illies, a Newman Club Chaplain, has expressed the significant example and purpose that Cardinal Newman has given to our clubs. "Our patron is a living reality in our lives . . . His thoughts we wish to become our thoughts. His philosophy of life we wish to espouse as our own. From his heart, burning with faith, we wish to find the fire to enkindle our own faith so that our minds will always be enlightened by the penetrating light of supernatural truth."

Newman the man was human, tender, courageous, sensitive. Newman the writer was unaffected, brilliant, artistic, God-conscious. Newman the apostle was a giant on fire with zeal. On the simple cross over his grave are engraved these words of his choice: "Out of the shadows, into the Light."

Marjorie Morningstar

Marjorie Morningstar. By Herman Wouk. 565 pp. New York: Doubleday. \$4.95

Reviewed by Merle Royte

Wouk, creator of the *Caine Mutiny*, has scored another hit with his new novel *Marjorie Morningstar*. This novel is a tender and absorbing portrayal of a girl from the time she is seventeen until she is forty years old. The story also suggests the effects of big-city living on faith and tradition. *Marjorie Morningstar* is liberally peppered with Jewish tradition, human interest, sound philosophy of life, and gentle humor. Marjorie gropes into adventures which take her from summer camp shows, to producer's offices, to Europe, trying to find out what she really wants out of life.

The engrossing tale is told masterfully. The reader can see himself reflected in the character of Samson-Aaron, Noel, Mr. and Mrs. Morgenstern, and above all Marjorie herself. The onlooker is picked up and carried along with the swift current of incidents. The book, containing within its pages flashbacks, retrogressions, clever and concise chapter headings, and crystal-like characterizations, was well constructed. It is a beautiful story told in good taste.

"Know where I can get a copy of *Marjorie Morningstar*?" "Say, have you read *Marjorie Morningstar*?" these seem to be a most desirable way to introduce a conversation. I don't believe I have ever seen such a fervor over any one thing in my one and one-half years at Lesley as I have after Dr. Oliver's stimulating book review last Thursday. Girls who generally are not "book conscious" have suddenly become connoisseurs. If this shocking influx of interest in Marjorie doesn't put it back to the number one place on the best seller list, I don't think anything will. More power to you, Dr. Oliver! The thumb-turned pages of the grey and pink silhouette of New York's skyline has become as popular as the fraternity pin and diamond ring.

MR. EDWIN POWERS LECTURES

Mr. Edwin Powers, newly appointed Deputy Commissioner of Correction in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, recently lectured to the class in Juvenile Delinquency on the prevention of juvenile delinquency. Mr. Powers has been a professor of Sociology and Criminology at Dartmouth College for a number of years; an author of a book entitled, *An Experience in the Prevention of Delinquency* and was also Chairman of the Department of Research of the United Prison Association of Boston, Massachusetts. The students who heard Mr. Powers were indeed grateful for his coming. Several of the outstanding items mentioned in the lecture were that most juvenile delinquents have had some evidence of school problems. Many states such as New York, are now instituting remedial reading classes. He also mentioned the fact that although the elementary school teacher is not expected to act as policeman, she plays an important and vital part in the detection of children's problems which may eventually lead to the committing of some delinquent act on the part of the juvenile.

NOTICE

Due to the lack of consecutive school days there will be no February issue of the Lantern. See you all on March 16!