STUDENT TEACHING CONFERENCE

Three hundred educators, college presidents and student teachers met this weekend at Lesley College to discuss and bring about the formation of a New England Regional Unit of the National Association for Student Teaching.

Following opening speeches by Dean Clara M. Thurber and President Tremtil White of Lesley College, and Dr. William H. Burton of the National Association for Student Teaching, Dr. Florence E. Strattemeyer, professor of education at Teacher’s College, Columbia University, delivered the keynote address of the conference. The audience, typical of New England’s answer to the present severe teacher shortage—educators able and ready to give their profession wider appeal, and to pool their resources and experiences so that teacher instruction could be made more meaningful and useful to the student teacher.

Group meetings were held Friday afternoon to discuss Dr. Strattemeyer’s address and the ways in which teacher colleges could provide the maximum of meaningful teaching experience with a minimum of interest, utility and validity. It should be laboratory school experience, an experience that will have a chance to be accepted changes.

Can we bridge the gap between college theory and college practice? What are the student teacher experiences and are they valuable? These and many other questions were explored in order to arrive at a dynamic foundation upon which to build an organization which will “promote high standards for the teaching profession in New England in general and student teaching in particular... serve as a professional clearing house, a service agency and a cooperating instrument to aid in the improvement of student teaching... encourage experimentation, investigation, research, and workshops directly related to problems of student teaching... and would raise the quality of professional work in the New England states in order to improve teaching in the schools.”

As members of Lesley we should feel both proud to be a part of this nationwide educational movement, and humble in the face of the great responsibility it places upon us—not only to employ to our fullest capacities and capabilities while in the student teacher, but also to continue in our experimentation, investigation, research, and work when we become full-fledged teachers.

Open House News

The fourth of April is set for the Annual Open House program. The planned program will capitalize the interest of all, with a children’s play, a Glee Club performance, discussions, teaching situations, displays, a luncheon, and a tea.

The students assisting in the under-taking of this program are: Beatrice Spalding, staging committee; Della MacAskill, ushers; Marcia Egan, tea; Ann Casey and Virginia Bicknell and Priscilla Johnson, flower committee.

Give your help to these girls.

The classrooms of Lesley will be filled with activity and excitement as the girls present their programs to the interested seniors. This will bring to the world outside of education a better understanding of our College and its programs.

CHICAGO CONFERENCE

Dean Thurber recently attended a series of conferences related to the problems pertaining to colleges of teacher education. The annual meetings of the Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the Association of Teacher Education Institutions, and the Association of Student Teaching were held simultaneously at the Hotel Congress in Chicago. Several joint sessions of the various organizations were possible, in addition to individual sessions of each and a series of group conferences.

The problems of special interest to delegates were those dealing with national accreditation of colleges, international activities in the field of education, laboratory experiences of individuals training for the teaching profession, teacher education and religion, and the current responsibilities of leaders in education.

Outstanding speakers were Dr. Margaret Lindsey, Professor of Education, Teachers College, Columbia University; Dr. Sidney Hook, Professor of Philosophy, New York University; and Dr. Orvaly Tead, Editor, Harper and Brothers.

Dean Thurber acquired much information of value to individuals in our College as she listened to the work being done in other parts of the country. She will endeavor to share her impressions and enthusiasm with other members of the Lesley family.

Spaghetti Supper to Be Held Mar. 16

The Senior Class will sponsor a spaghetti supper on Tuesday, March 16th, in the Lesley College Dining Hall. The supper will begin at 6:30 P.M. The delicious meal will be prepared and served by the seniors, under the direction of Ann Casey.

Delightful entertainment and a social hour held in the Livingston Stubbins Gymnasium will follow the repast. The entire student body is invited to attend and take part in the fun. The price for the evening is only 60 cents per person.

Phyllis Minsky and Mary Leary are co-chairmen of the money-maker, and have done a grand job in the preparation of the affair. They extend many thanks to the seniors who have volunteered for the decoration, ticket, and food committees.

PATIENCE

The members of the cast are already fulfilling their one-act play, "Patience," with "lovewack maidens" at Glee Club recitals.

A "note of uniqueness is found in Mr. Elmer F. Benjamin's "balloon" act. The "love sick" and "love rack" are being sung by Jane Johnson; Barbara Shimeld is Ellen, "love sick" and "love rack" are being sung by Mary McRae; Sally Wilcox, Alice Mary Rocha, and Virginia McNiff check invitations for the Junior Class Prom.

The first Ring Ceremony of Lesley College will take place at the Junior Prom, Emerald Ball, which will be held at the Hotel Statler on March 16th. George Graham's orchestra, with Marshall Young as soloist, will provide the music for the occasion. "Patience," tell your personal invitation for that lucky date, can be purchased from Maureen Duffy, Virginia McNiff, Alice Mary Rocha, Sally Wilcox, and Jeanne Raynard. A wonderful time is guaranteed, so we hope we will see you all there!

An Opportunity For All

Are you interested in broadening your teaching knowledge? Would you like the opportunity to observe and participate in a community center? As future teachers it is important that we understand the workings of community services, for they share with us the vital job of caring for America's young people.

A well-informed teacher knows how to handle herself in new situations. Here is your chance to help yourself to these valuable new experiences. Community centers throughout Boston and Cambridge are anxious to obtain Lesley girls to work with their children. If you are genuinely interested in this type of program, contact Lois Finke, Oxford Hall, or leave your name in the office.

Dean's List Released

The following students of Lesley College have an average of 3.5 for the work of the first semester and have been named for the Dean's List.

Seniors:
Eleanor Andrews Goldberg
Joan Arenovski
Elizabeth Carlisle

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Joanne Davis, Edith Choover, Jacqueline Robinson, Ruth Weissman, Gloria Schneider, in panel discussion at a recent assembly.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 12—Student Christian Association Money-maker
March 15—Start of S.G.A. President Campaign
March 16—Senior Class Spaghetti Supper
March 20—Junior Class Prom
March 20—Alumnus Fashion Show
March 23—Primary Speeches for S.G.A. President
March 24—Delta Kappa Meeting
March 25—Primary Voting for S.G.A. President
March 25, 26, 27—Eastern States Conference in New York
March 26—Lesleyan Dance
March 30—Delta Psi Omega Dramatic Fraternity Initiation
March 30—Junior Ring Supper
April 1—Final Speeches for S.G.A. President
April 2—Final Voting for S.G.A. President
April 10—Open House
A DAY WITH THE CHILDREN

The sun was peeping over the tree tops when I awoke, and I jumped, diving out of bed to grab the clock. Quickly I sat down at my desk to write lesson plans. Then still half asleep I jumped into my clothes and rushed over to breakfast. With a gold-fish bowl, a big wooden clock, and several bottles under my arms I boarded the bus and was on my way. The day in the second grade started as nine thirty came. All bright eyes beheld me greet with a happy, "Good-morning, Miss Button." Quickly I forgot about my American history test and the book that never did get read.

School started as we bowed our heads for the morning prayer. Little Petie, the dead boy; Nancy, the ideal student; Arthur, quiet and industrious; Millie, the dreamer; Cindy, the little actress; Douglas, intelligent and willing; Karen, loved by all; Ramee, the stammerer; and Susie, our problem were all there.

The classroom was buzzing with excitement. Monday mornings Mary Petie got up—why not let him tell us? "Miss Button, do you know that I have a new little kid? That's just blind. Millie had spent her weekend at the beach, and plans for next time were already being made. "Next week, Susie, if you are good you can come to Craigville and help Petie there too. Nancy, but my Mommy isn't too sure how you behave, Susie."

The children gathered round for their reading lesson as we waited patiently for Susie and Petie to join us. "Susie," I said, "will you please open your book to page 24: 2-4; Millie will you please help Petie find the page?" "May I read first?" asked Nancy. Soon the reading period was over and it was time for gym. Pretending to go to a rodeo can be lots of fun. The children galloped round and round, fed the horses, and even saddled them. I sat and enjoyed every minute of their day at the rodeo.

After gym came the most fun of the day. "Oh boy! Free time," said Nancy excitedly. "Let's draw our rooms and baby pictures, Millie," said Susie. The rest of the children made clay articles for the Indian Village.

The day whizzed by, full of new adventure and learning for each child: skipping, swinging, and running on the roof at recess; milk and cookies and then number work. Before I realized it, it was time to leave my children. I was tired, but the happy thought of what had transpired remained with me through the day.

Penguin Club News

Congratulations go to Ray McNamara, who was recently elected secretary of Penguin Club.

A group of Sophomores have painted the little room off the Commuters' Lounge. The new colors are light green trimmed with dark green. The girls certainly deserve praise and appreciation for volunteering to paint and put new curtains in the room, especially since they did it during vacation.

A jam session has been voted to be the money-maker for the club. As yet a date has not been decided.

Sophomore Class News

What's new in the Sophomore Class, you ask—plenty! The latest show, "Tom Boy Girl," is coming along with a cast that makes you laugh till you cry and a merry chorus with frolicking and lilting songs that keep your toes tapping. Rehearsals are held Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings, and you can hear a group of Sophomores singing one of the hits from the play almost any time of the day. Sophomores are also planning for the Operaetta, "Patience," which is to be held in aid of the Building Fund. Many of the girls are seen at these rehearsals for another project in the making.

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Hillic Club News

The Hillic House has been offering throughout the year a series of Sunday evening programs. Abraham Harman, Israeli consul-general, spoke on the evening of March 7th. The following Sunday, the age-old problem "How We Fight Anti-Semitism in Boston," will be discussed. On March 23rd there will be a slide show on Jewish art by Dr. Stephen Kavoor, Curator of the Jewish Museum.

The New England Hillic Institute Conference will take place on March 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, at Berkshire Lodge, Jaffrey, New Hampshire. The year's theme is "Building Jewish Life on the Campus." The discussions and talks will be led by Dr. Alfred Jaffe, Director of Program and Resources for the National Foundations; Rabbi Maurice Ziggard, New England Regional Director; and Hillic Directors and Counselors from all over. Along with discussions and talks there will be a great deal of fun for all, including sliding, song sessions, and late evening snacks. Special price arrangements will be made.

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