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## 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 Trentwell Mason White of Lesley College, and Dr. William H. Burton of the National Association for Student Teaching, Dr. Florence E. Stratemeyer, professor of education at Teacher's College, Columbia University, delivered the key note address of the convention. The audience typified 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. Stratemeyer's address and the ways in which teacher colleges could provide the maximum of meaningful teaching experience with a maximum of interest, utility and validity.

Should laboratory school begin? How can the cooperation be made to accept changes? Can we bridge the gap between college theory and college practice? What are post student teaching experiences and are they valuable? These and many more questions were explored in order to arrive at a dynamic foundation upon which to build an organization which would "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 we are student teachers, but to continue on in our experimentation, investigation, research and work when we become full-fledged teachers.

## Open House News

The tenth of April is set for the Annual Open House program. The planned program will captivate 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 undertaking of this program as chairman are: Beatrice Spalding, staging committee; Della MacAskill, ushers; Marcia Egan, tea; Ann Casey and Virginia Dmitruk, invitations; Rebecca 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 audience. This program 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 American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the Association of Teacher Education Institutions, and the Association for 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. Ordway 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 inspiration and enthusiasm with other members of the Lesley family.

## Spaghetti Supper to Be Held Mar. 16

### First Ring Ceremony At Lesley



Photo by S. E. Burgen  
Sally Wilcox, Maureen Duffy, Alice Mary Roche, 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 20th. George Grahmes' orchestra, with Marshall Young as soloist, will provide the music for the occasion. Tickets, and your personal invitation for that lucky date, can be purchased from Maureen Duffy, Virginia McNiff, Alice Mary Roche, Sally Wilcox, and Jeanné 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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Lesley extends deepest sympathy to Mr. Elmer F. Benjamin on the loss of his father and to Anne Sullivan whose father also passed away.

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 Stebbins 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 99 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 displaying "Patience" by being "love-sick maidens" at Glee Club and in etta rehearsals. A "note" of uniqueness is found in Mr. Elmer F. Benjamin's "ad libbing" in the men's parts, and day by day the young ladies are becoming more and more "love sick" (only to keep in character!) *Patience*, the soprano lead, is being sung by Jane Johnson; Sondra Shindell is Ella, Vivian Dash will be Saphir, and Becky Bicknell is Angela. Lady Jane, the alto lead, is ably taken by Edith Foye. The cast of "Love sick maidens" are:

Barbara Adams, Barbara Blair, Marian Buescher, Joan Cole, Nancy Elder, Eileen Feldman, Faith Ginsberg, Virginia Johnson, Deborah Ladd, Carol Parsons, Beverly Shelton, Janis Smith, Jane Welsh, Janet Williams.

Since this Operetta is being put on for the benefit of the Building Fund, the Faculty and the students are both participating in the planning of it. Dr. Mark V. Crocket is General Chairman  
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### 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—Alumnae 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—Dramatic Club Banquet
- April 1—Final Speeches for S.G.A. President
- April 2—Final Voting for S.G.A. President
- April 10—Open House



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

**A DAY WITH THE CHILDREN**

The sun was peeping over the tree tops and *Buzz*, and I jumped shivering 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 shiney faced and bright eyed children greeted me 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 deaf boy; Nancy, the ideal student; Arthur, quiet and industrious; Millie, the dreamer; Cindy, the little actress; Douglas, intelligent and willing; Karen, loved by all; Ralphie, the stammerer; and Susie, our problem were all there. The classroom was buzzing with excitement this Monday morning for Petie got a—why not let him tell us? "Miss Button, do you know that I have a new little kitty that is just mine?" 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 you 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 Karen excitedly. "Let's draw our mommy 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: Sliding, 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 thoughts of what had transpired remained with me throughout the day.

**Penguin Club News**

Congratulations go to Kay McNamara, who was recently elected secretary of the 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 the date has not been decided.

Please, girls, remember to keep the lounge clean! Your manners are showing—or your lack of them.

**Alumnae Activities**

What is the Alumnae doing? You may see for yourself if you appear at the Livingston Stebbins Library on March 20th, 1954. There you will see a Fashion Show sponsored by the Lesley Alumnae. Misses Virginia Egan and Joanne Springer are the co-chairman for this performance. Come and enjoy the Spring styles while you chat with old and new friends over a cup of tea.

The fate of all extremes is such: Men may be read, as well as books, too much. Pope—Moral Essays

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- Nancy Dickey
- Elizabeth Dow
- Marcia Egan
- Delfina Fiorini
- Virginia Haines
- Janet Hansen
- Edwina Heman
- Ann Hennessy
- Virginia Johnson
- Marcia Kravet
- Enid Lofchie
- Della MacAskill
- Sally MacDonald Mayo
- Barbara Maniff
- Anne L. Netzel
- Carol Parsons
- Mildred Shuman
- Marjorie Stevens
- Ruth Welensky
- Joan Weller

*Juniors:*

- Barbara Adams
- Nancy Bousquet
- Diann Eldredge
- Sema Fieldman
- Lois Finke
- Doris Hozid
- Priscilla Johnson
- Beverly Margeson
- Polly Munroe
- Roseann Nastasi
- Virginia O'Donnell
- Jeanne Raynard
- Alice Roche
- Joan Ryan

*Sophomores:*

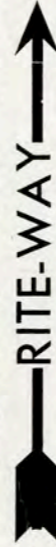
- Sandra Anderson
- Edith Cheever
- Joanne Davis
- Joan Feinman
- Sonya Krainin
- Mary Riley
- Jacqueline Robinson
- Barbara Shaw
- Joan Walsh

*Freshmen:*

- Faith Ginsburg
- Sandra Still

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**Hillel Club News**

The Hillel House has been offering throughout the year a series of Sunday evening programs. Avraham 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 28th there will be a slide on Jewish art by Dr. Stephen Kayser, Curator of the Jewish Museum. The New England Hillel Institute Conference will take place on March 12th, 13th, and 14th, at Birchtoft Lodge, Jaffrey, New Hampshire. This year's theme is "Building Jewish Life on the Campus." The discussions and talks will be lead by Dr. Alfred Jospe, Director of Program and Resources for the National Foundations; Rabbi Maurice Zigmund, New England Regional Director; and Hillel Directors and Counselors from our area. Along with discussions and talks there will be a great deal of fun for all, including skiing, song sessions, and late evening snacks. Special price arrangements will be made.

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Why is the figure 6 like a peacock?  
It's *nothing* without the tail.

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What was the first bet made in the world?  
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