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NEW ROOM FOR EXPANSION

About Lesley's New Dormitory

1. Last year at its quarterly meeting in January, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to name the new dormitory, recently opened, Twittewell Mason White Hall in honor of the late head of the old Lesley School and the first (and continuing) president of Lesley College. Dr. White's name is also a reminder of the executive in the summer of 1944.

2. White Hall is of solid concrete, steel-reinforced construction, brick faced with blue-stone sandpots. It is four stories high, including a ground floor, with a basement level, which except in the dormitory area, is only one in this area so specially constructed as to be bomb proof (up to one mile), earthquake and hurricane proof, and fireproof. Completed and fully furnished, it will have cost in excess of $500,000. It is heated by oil with central and automatic ventilation on each floor. Principal doors and windows are equipped with reinforced glass plates.

3. It is a school building in the truest sense of the word. Allyson Center School, they will all proclaim, daily except Sunday, in memory of the President of Lesley College, who was a graduate of the Class of '14.

4. The bathrooms, fully tiled, include bathtubs as well as showers, and each of these rooms has an automatic clothes-washing machine and dryer. In addition, the bathrooms have ironing boards and special locks for irons and personal items, and yet other sinks solely for hair-shaving. The dormitory houses 146 girls plus a residence director whose first-floor suite includes a living room, bedroom, bath, and kitchenette.

5. Though there are some twelve telephones in the building, each is individual in connection, and none is hooked up with a central switchboard or any other telephone system. The reason for this is the difficulty of satisfactory day-and-night advising of a manual switchboard. The building itself has a telephone in the reception office which is connected only with the residence director's phone. This phone is not to receive calls for students, but only to call out or to receive calls must use the individual booth phones in the dormitory corridors or one of the booth phones elsewhere in the building.

An Invitation to You
Come One, Come All!!

To: Amnesty Building Fund Bazaar
When: February 13, 1958
Where: Livingston Tschabitsch Gymnasium
At: 9:30 p.m.

Friends Of The Library

The Friends of the Library started the year by sponsoring an assembly, held on December 5, 1957. Dr. Oliver, our advisor, reviewed the book "Remember Me To God" by M. A. N. Sinden. A question and answer period followed. It seemed to be very successful and plans for future undertakings are being considered.

We have many ideas for activities in the future but we need your suggestions. Further attendance to help carry them through successfully. It is not too late to join since we are just beginning new projects. The next meeting will be held on Monday February 16. Just sit in on a meeting; you probably would enjoy it.

It has been suggested that we sell used books as a money-maker and also as a service for students. We would very much like your opinion and suggestions on the matter. A box will be set up in the main lobby of the classroom building for your comments.

If all goes well, we hope to be selling paper-backs from a leading bookstore in Cambridge at the Building Fund Bazaar. Save your money and plan to buy some of those books you always wanted to read.

The old dinning room, soon to house our art department, was one Lesley's gym. (It was just a barn before that, and used accordingly.) The present gym was, until 1948, the art department headquarters. Our library was once an assembly hall, and at that time Room C was the home of our library.

Dr. Meri Russin Wolfard, chairman of Lesley's Corporation and widower of our founder has lived near his wife's death in Santa Barbara, Calif. He usually comes East in June or July each year to visit Lesley and to spend some time at the estate on Newfound Lake in Bristol, N. H., where Edith Lesley Wolfard once maintained a summer-school camp for Lesley girls.

Freshman Elections

Carolyn Aust was elected president of the Freshman Class in the elections held on Monday, December 16, 1957. In our new leadership ability was demonstrated and indications are that she will be one of the leaders in the class. The freshman class is now a strong and able group.

Publicizing the events of the Freshman Class is the newly elected publicity officer, Sandy Page. At the Hill House High School in New Haven, Connecticut, Sandy was responsible for many of the achievements gained for her class and her school. Her qualifications and experience assure us of a job well done and a properly balanced treasury.

Elected to the office of Student Government Representative is Anne Haffer. Anne's ability to lead and organize the girls of our school and to understand and to accept the responsibilities of the duties involved is evident.

Emerald Key

On February 6, 1958 the six freshman members of the Emerald Key will be installed at the Student Government Assembly. These six girls, who will be notified by registered mail upon their election, will be permanent members of the organization college hostess.

The executive board of the freshman class is invited to present the names of twelve girls who feel they are qualified. Qualifications are based upon their knowledge of the organization, interest in current events, participation in college activities, and qualifications are personal qualifications, character, interest in affairs of the college, and participation in college activities.

The freshman executive board presents the list to the faculty and the members of the Emerald Key who make say additions or deletions which they feel are necessary. From there the faculty members and the members of the Emerald Key vote and arrive at six finalists.

In the near future, the girls will hold a dinner meeting at Mrs. Ackerman's home and they are planning an activity for April under the direction of their president, Marita Heimstein.

Carolyn Aust

Lesley Purchases Long Sought Property

On Thursday, January 15, President White, in the company of members of Lesley's Board of Trustees, signed final papers to purchase the property known as 32-34 Mellen Street, on the corner of Everett and Mellen Streets. The new holding consists of nearly a quarter acre of land with a large double house somewhat like the house now owned by the school. The new building contains about twenty rooms and has been conducted as a boarding house for Harvard graduates.

Since, for at least a dozen years, Lesley has been trying to acquire this property to complete our ownership of the Everett-Oxford-Mellen Streets complex. In the hands of the present officials of the college it is to be Lesley's most recent acquisition. It will be recalled that three years ago the college bought the building property, 32-34 Mellen Street where Helen Hall and the Cargo-Hall School are located. The property will be known as "Ev-Ken Hall."
Scholarship

Students at Cooper Union got a bulletin from their high school principal a few days ago and what he said is worth repeating to those of you who care about the future of education. Those are the remarks of Russell F. Conran, as reprinted in The Observer:

"One of our greatest problems is to make sure that everyone is equipped for his role in life. This requires that we look to the future and plan for it. Without this planning, we are likely to end up with a generation that is not equipped to meet the challenges of the future."

Extra-Curricular Activities

The schools of today are not so interested in the three R's (reading, writing, and arithmetic) as they are in the three F's (fun, food, and football). With the advent of television and other distractions, many students have lost interest in the academic subjects. As a result, the number of students who are not interested in their studies has increased. This has prompted schools to offer more extracurricular activities to keep students engaged.

TENSION, CONFESSION, DISTRUST, HATRED—this is the inheritance of today's youth. The sins of our fathers have been visited upon us. This is but the opening of an article published in the local newspaper.

We're Calling You

Why not join the fun on Wednesday evenings when the Lesley students try to meet with their community? The Harvard Bowl-Away, Inc. on Boylston Street right in Harvard Square is the scene of this activity which takes place every Wednesday at 4:45 P.M. There is no charge for Leslie girls bowling at this time. Plan to go next Wednesday. We're looking forward to the more merrier!!

Things You Didn't Know

Our Wishing Well came from Florence, Italy. On one of a number of trips to Europe, our founder, Edith Lesley Wolyard, saw, admired, and purchased the well-swept-away and had it set in our yard during the early 1920's.

Sophomore News

The sophomore class sponsored a very successful dance in the gym on Nov. 22, 1967. As a result of the participation of all the students, a profit of over $3.00 was collected. This large amount manifested the Lesley spirit and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Faculty News

Dr. Katherine Stains was guest speaker at the Lesley College Graduate School Association supper meeting, which was held on January 13, at 7:00 p.m. Her topic was "Experiences in Education in Norway."

During Dr. Stains talk she emphasized that the educational system in Norway differs from the traditional one in a number of important ways:

1. The physical environment of the country. The lack of mountains, forests, etc., makes it difficult to travel and provides students with opportunities to participate in outdoor activities.
2. The form of government in Norway being very democratic is another important aspect. Students are encouraged to participate in decisions that affect their lives.

At the end of her talk Dr. Stains shared the achievements of the students of Norway and emphasized how their audience by showing them several dolls and books.

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THE LANTERN SPEAKS

As a result of changing world conditions, technological developments, and an increase of population, Americans need more and better opportunities for training and education, and the country as a whole needs more educated and more highly trained people. The National Commission on Education, appointed by President Eisenhower, has said that "the nation's highest priority is the maintenance and improvement of the educational system of the United States."

Since 1956, the birth rate has almost doubled, and within the next fifteen years the entire population will increase seventeen percent. Because of this, college enrollment is at its highest peak ever. By 1960, the problem of education will be a much more serious problem than it is today. New scientific and educational developments play an important part in our lives. If tomorrow's world is to be one of advanced social and technical complexity, America must prepare people to take up training and education. New educational institutions will also be needed to produce these professional and technical people so necessary to our future culture and economic development.

By 1965, there will be a critical shortage in the working force, and if the proper steps are taken for education and training are provided, the production will be doubled that of 1956.

As a by-product of this scientific advancement, the world has become smaller and the competition among countries is becoming more intense.

The occupational outlook, in addition to the above three phases, emphasizes the need for education. Our industry is about to undergo a great change. Skilled workers will be in greater demand than laborers and farmers.

Among the problems faced in the post-high school expansion are teacher shortages, student education, and finance. By 1965, there will need to be at least 20 percent more teachers to provide the necessary guidance. This is on a ratio of one teacher to every thirteen students. Also, many college students are not worthy of receiving an education, and many of them do not have the necessary ambition to better themselves through advanced learning. In order to meet the expected influx of students, more buildings, including adequate expenditures such as salaries and maintenance, will be required. By 1965, over three billion dollars have been spent on education to recover the national product of over three hundred sixty billion dollars.

The job to be done is one for states and local communities. "An institution of learning is a mark of a civilized community." On the whole, a college education should be available to all worthy students, to prepare them for a good and meaningful life as citizens of the American community.

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Alumnae News
Miss Cynthia Wilson, ’55, is now Mrs. Paul Putnam. Cynthia and her husband are now teaching in New Salem, Mass. Miss Paula Zollotto is now Mrs. Stuart Kaplan and is living in the old hamlet in Palo Alto, California. Mr. Kaplan is a baritone at Stanford University. Mrs. Kaplan has visited the campus and will do so again in January to see their daughter, Laura, who is a sophomore.

Miss Maureen C. Kelly, ’56, married during Christmas time at St. Mary’s Chapel, Boston. The newlyweds are returning in January to complete their wedding tour.

Vespers
Dr. Ernest Caverly, superintendent of Brookline Schools will be our next Vesper speaker, Thursday, February 13 at 8:00 p.m. He is a long time member of the Brookline Schools, having been a teacher and principal for many years. He is a noted writer and author and has published many books on education and teaching. He is a favorite speaker at the school and is always well received.

Student Christian
Christmas music was the theme of the December 12 meeting of the Student Christian Association. At this time two choral groups sang for the entertainment of members. First, Christmas songs were presented by the Lesley Eola choir, a group of eight children under the direction of Eileen Humphrey. Next on the program were our own Madrigal Singers. They sang their Christmas repertoire with the usual charm of that group. The first meeting of the new year was held on January 10. Dr. Schofield showed a filmstrip on the Roman Catholic faith. During the presentation, Dr. Schofield encouraged discussion among the group. It was a very informative session, giving the girls an insight into Catholicism. This was an after-meeting in which a student should be beneficial and successful to its members and others. Linda Baur

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Are you Going To Those Far Distant Places?

Are you planning to travel? Have you travelled? Are you dreaming of travelling some day? Would you like to know more about the countries outside the United States?

If you answer to any of these questions is "yes," then visit the Edna Stebbins Travel Corner. The Travel Corner contains information of great variety about foreign countries, their history, geography, social life and customs, art, literature, and other details of the life of those other realms.

See the display case outside the Library for the type of material that the Edna Stebbins Travel Corner contains.

Some recent additions to the Travel Corner include:

- Afford, Edward, The Art of New Mexico and Central America.
- Gough, Mary, Travel into Yesterday.
- Golden, Rumer, Mothki.
- Halliburton, Richard, New Worlds to Conquer.
- Lyrall, Archibald, Guide to the Languages of Europe.
- Masaryk, Thomas, Corner of a State.
- Ortiz, Dore, Africa North.
- Slaughter, Frank, The Mapmaker.
- Woytinsky, W., S., India: The Awakening Giant.
- Wright, Helen, The Great Explorers.

VACATIONS

With the vacation over, we come back to school with many stories of how we spent our time in many different places. Every man has a different story to tell and guess or to exchange, that the first day of classes or the first day of school is far behind. Everyone is happy and with the laughter and chatter. In classes, that first day, is the time to relax, to be engaged, paged, or married. Class sometimes for our matter in the late hours of the night.

A little Bit of Consideration

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," is our sacred Golden Rule, but how many of us able by it? We've heard it said numerous times, we agree with it, and yet it really means very little to the majority of people.

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6. The problem of interior decorating, furnishing, and arranging the rooms for the girls in general areas has been the responsibility of Miss Dorothy E. Sharpeles, director of Lesley's art department. The dormitory floor tile is intended to resemble 24, 1958, LŒSLEY COLLEGE LANTERN

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