Council on Student Life

Life Makes a Decision

By Mimi Packman

This is the first year of the organization for the Council on Student Life. As far as freshmen are concerned, they have three floor representatives, Ellen Meisel, Joan Zack and Jackie Frolic. They in turn are equal to one unit representative who is Joni Greenberg.

The council itself consists of students, the dean and a faculty advisor. There are 2 open seats at every meeting. This is helpful to those who want to know what is going on, but do not have time to devote to every meeting, and for those who have a particular complaint. Anyone who is interested in sitting in on one of these meetings should contact Lucy Ulman. The council exists for the students, and no one else. Anything that has to do with social living at Lesley College is involved with the Council directly or indirectly. The members on the Council are there to help or assist in any way possible.

Last week's meeting in particular dealt with the passing of the guidelines of self governance. It was felt by general majority voting that upperclassmen could have self governance.

As far as the freshman are concerned, this law was not passed. However there will be a meeting next week to discuss the issue.

The majority of the Freshman feel that they are responsible and mature enough to have self governance, and thusly looking forward to a progressive year with the assistance of the Council.

A Look at Your Freshman Leaders

By Toni Brodax

It is felt by all the freshman officers that there is too much apathy and lack of unity, not only in the freshman class, but in the entire school. Their idea consists of making every decision within the class, and not by the officers.

Joni Greenberg, President, says, "After our freshman class meeting, I hope that we shall agree on specific goals for our class. I certainly will do my best in aiding the class to attain these goals. If we all work together I'm sure the following year will be very successful and the class of 1974 a great class."

"Unity — Awareness, Involvement — Growth."

Joni seems very aware of the problems facing the freshman class. She gave up her seat on Student Government, so that the freshman class could have another vote.

She went to the Dean to request pareitals for Father-daughter weekend in White Hall. She aided in the improvement of incompetent teachers. Her achievements seem to show her awareness of the grave problems, and that she is trying to help our class make valuable changes for the betterment of Lesley College.

Jane Schaffer was also elected to the freshman class office, as Vice President. She also gave up her seat in Student Government, to give another vote for the freshman class.

Jane said, "Obviously there are a lot of changes that have to be

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A Victory for Peace
By Jeryl V. Proce

I arrived at Kennedy headquarters at 5:30 Tuesday evening. There, I was confronted by a group of diligent secretaries who had to give me clearance. After obtaining clearance, I was given a little blue button symbolizing that I was a worker for Kennedy. It didn't take too much time for the secretaries to approach me with last-minute phone calls, reminding citizens to get out and vote.

By 7:30, it was decided by general concensus, that phone calls, canvassing and politicking could be ended. We sat patiently, glued to T.V. sets, waiting. It was all intense, everyone was eager and optimistic.

At 9:00, NBC projected Senator Ted Kennedy the winner for the Mass. Senate. Warm embraces, tears, and congratulations were exchanged and expressed. What we all had in common, no matter what our function was in campaigning was the joy of sharing victory. One of peace.

It was not until 10:10, that Ted Kennedy accepted the re-election. For then he as well as the general public, knew there was no doubt of his victory. He made his victory statement at the Parker House. It was a formal and structural speech expressing his appreciation to the voters of Mass., and the people working in the campaign. With winning, over a margin of 63 per cent, Kennedy looks forward to returning to the U.S. Senate, "as a voice of peace," "a voice of reconstruction," and "a voice for the powerless groups, of our society."

I, who actively campaigned for the Senator, felt that his victory statement was not just a victory for the position of Senator, but a victory for peace, to help bring us together.

With the formalities of speeches and press releases, rid of, Kennedy, his family, and "devoted" staff returned to Boston Headquarters. He arrived shortly before 11:30, to be confronted with embraces, tears and congratulations, only this time, to be shared with him. He perched himself on the steps leading to the second floor of the headquarters and spoke. He spoke to everyone, the mass, as if he were speaking to each and everyone of us, personally saying "thank you." He stood there, all eyes fixed on him, his beaming wife and beautiful children.

Just before midnight, his speech ended. It seemed that he had wanted to say so much more, but just couldn't express what he felt. With the flashing of peace signs and applause, Kennedy, his family and security men returned to the Parker House, for their own private celebration. Most of the staff and volunteers returned there too, to be engaged in small informal parties of victory.

Kennedy, had every right to win. The promises he ran on, can be easily found in any of the media. He

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A Drop in the Basket

This letter is addressed to all of you Lesley students who either, said, thought, or wrote the following about last weeks first edition of the Lantern. "It shits."
"The whole paper really stinks, no wonder its written by a bunch of illiterate freshmen," "They might as well fold again this year."

We are thoroughly disgusted at hearing these things said not only by our fellow freshmen but by upper classmen as well. Why is it that all of you agree there should be a college paper and there should be involvement but sit back and criticize these things that are only here to benefit you. We dare all of you to support your criticisms with objective articles. The Lantern is here to voice YOUR opinions to print YOUR articles. Who are "you" who sign your names anonymous on the letters we receive to the editor? Is it really that hard to sit down, write how you feel about something on a piece of paper and then slip it into our suggestion box with your name on it?

It has not been by our own choice that there are only freshmen working on our staff. It just so happened that freshmen were the only ones who volunteered their time and effort. Haven't we heard it said that the freshmen year is the hardest for one reason or another?

We welcome anyone to our little room on the second floor of the music building. The Lantern is your paper, do we have to impress that on your more?

stood up and spoke for what he believed in, what he believes in now. I can only say "thank you" to him for representing me so well. I feel, all those weeks, days and hours of working for Senator Kennedy were not spent in vain. For more than ever before we need his experience and leadership to help turn the turmoil and confusion of our generation into constructive progress for all, in the 1970's.
Dorm Life at Lesley
By Ellen Meisel

Living in a dorm here at Lesley is thought to be one of the most rewarding experiences one can encounter in the duration of her four years here. Some students may agree or disagree with this statement for dorm living certainly has its advantages and disadvantages. Most girls find dorm living quite different from their previous experiences in high school and are usually enchanted with it for their first few weeks as a freshman. The friendships one can make can be definitely worth the whole experience. However, dorm life has its disadvantages. There are the rules existing such as quiet hours which in many cases, are not completely observed. This can be unfortunate for the student who wishes to study without having to leave the dorm and seek refuge in the library or some other place for peace and quiet. You can't really say anything to those people who are making the noise because you know that you have been guilty of raising hell at least once during quiet hours. There is the student who wishes to be alone at some time without having to take a walk to the Charles or to some other out of the way place. You don't want to kick out your roommate, you just want to be alone. The answer would be to get a single next year, but you enjoy having a roommate to share your news, troubles, and anxieties. The problem of lack of consideration exists. It can be quite annoying when you have to disinfest your room everyday from the garbage, crumbs, and food that your friends leave behind. There is the problem of sleeping. There are nights when 8:00 is the latest you can keep your eyes open curl up in bed, and then hear screaming, talking, or that one typewriter tapping away at your brain, interfering with your counting of sheep. Or the morning you have a class at 11:30 but you are awakened at 8:30 by the people who are rushing to get to class on time.

Dorm life has its advantages, too. It's a good feeling knowing that if you are upset, there is someone there who is deeply concerned with your problem, whether she be your roommate, or just a friend. The variety of people which can be found in a dorm is remarkable. There's the "hippie" the "intellectual" the comedian, the introvert, the extrovert, the giggler, etc. And it's good to know that you can have a friendship with all these people. Dorm life also is an advantage when exams are to be given because there is someone in your dorm who is in one of your classes who you can collaborate with and possibly understand a bit more. There are also the moments when no one can think of studying or being serious, and everyone finds themselves laughing at the stupidest things. Unfortunately, these tend to last a little more than a moment are a little too frequent. They are enjoyed at the time, but regretted in the end when grades come out.

Dorm life can be the most rewarding experience because it is here where you learn to get along with several different types of people. In some cases, the type of people are completely different from that which you have previously encountered. In my opinion, learning to get along with such a variety of people, and sharing friendships, can be more fulfilling and important than the actual academic education one is to receive at a college.
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tell you how you will react to an encounter group. The only way to find out is to go to one yourself.

However, this does not mean that everyone who thinks that “it sounds like a groovy idea” should jump into the first group that they can get into without previously talking to someone who knows the trainers or the sponsors and purpose of that particular group. A bad group experience can happen to people who are emotionally disturbed, or to people who have misconceptions about what they can get from the group or to people who are not ready for the experience, i.e. they are inflexible.

October 30-November 1 I went on a “Sensitivity Weekend” which was sponsored by Lesley College and the Human Relations Council. It took place in North Andover, Massachusetts, about a 45 minute drive from Cambridge, in a big, beautiful, old house — Rolling Ridge. This particular group experience included a “double-lab”, that is, there were two separate groups consisting of eight people and nine people respectively, plus two trainers for each group. The cost for the “Lesley Community” was $5.00 per person for the entire weekend, for “outsiders” the cost was $20.00. Quite a bargain! No previous group experience was required for participation in this “weekend” although some of the weekends that the Human Relations Council is sponsoring will require at least one previous session.

Some of the people who came had one former encounter group experience, some had been in many groups, but mostly everyone was “there” for the first time.

We “arrived” at dinner time and after making beds, getting settled and eating dinner both groups assembled in a main room for a “general session.”

The purpose of this meeting was (Continued on Page 5)

Letter to the Editor
Dear Editor:
If any of you are completely satisfied with Lesley College — What are your thoughts on:
1) curriculum
2) requirements
3) tenure
4) tuition
5) curfew
6) parietals

ARE YOU WILLING TO WORK FOR CHANGE? ?? ?? ??
If you’re not then you’ve just placed yourself in the apathetic majority of this school. If you are willing to help, come to the next Student Government meeting (Tuesdays at 7:00 in the Psych. Lab) and all those following. The next time you see a sign for an all college meeting GO. See Lucy Ulman to sit in on Council for Student Life meetings, or Jim Slattery to sit in on faculty meetings.

Whether you know it or not, there’s a helluva lot more you can do for this school than sit around complaining. If you have a gripe, for God’s sake do something about it! ! ! !
Barbi Landgarten

Into the Looking Glass
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to face up to any of the problems. This latter group cops out. How? Many cop out through the use of drugs.

Smoke, grass, drop acid, pop pills, or shoot heroin—just don’t look at what is in front of you. It is a good way to create your own world; and hide from the pain, violence, and hate of the real world. All kids are not hiding. Some are striving to reach Nirvana (hoping to be successful through artificial means). Others hope to find peace (excluding the sanctity of their own souls). And others enjoy the excitement, tension, and danger involved in drug use.

But what about tomorrow?
Experts say (and many kids who have experienced and experimented in the drug world would agree), that overuse of grass and hash can have psychological dependence. Is loss of Self worth a moment’s excursion into fantasy?

Everyone realizes Horse creates physiological dependence, and leads to eventual Self-destruction. Is death worth a turn-on to false life?

After a trip on LSD or STP you never really come back. It can be beautiful — or horrible! And the next one—unscheduled and unwanted—it may be worse than any previous. Is a short-term world of color and light worth the long-term price of deformed children or permanent insanity?

Who really benefits from drug use? The poppy grower, the back room chemist, organized crime and the pusher—not the “poor benighted” user! Think before you act.

Don’t be a cop-out! ! There are problems that must be solved. Help us find solutions. One of the greatest problems is the waste of youth-power to the artificial, hell-contaminated world of drugs. What are we going to accomplish if the thinking is done by a bunch of “fried brains”?
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other people, to help them become real, to grow as far and as wide as we can? Nothing else seems too important to me nowadays. All the rest is just a substitute which quickly fades when you’ve had a chance to get the real thing and you’ve had the courage to grab it and “flow.”

The only hassle with an experience as intense and worthwhile and exhilarating as the kind that you can have in an encounter group is that you have to come back to the real world sometime. And the real world is just not ready for real people. I hope that someday it doesn’t feel so threatened or apathetic about the problems and the challenges that are part of people’s attempts to be human. That are really part of being “people” and being vulnerable and being weak and being whatever it is that you are. That are part of trying to reach others and get some feedback on what’s going on inside them. You have to stretch yourself, take a good look at what’s in there and maybe be willing to change it or accept it, but it’s the most fulfilling thing you’ll ever do. Except maybe being there to help someone else do it and then sharing their experience with them.

Until things change, until people all over the world want to be real, until they find the time, the courage or the motivation to “get it on,” T-Groups are one of the best ways to find out how beautiful people can be if only they will “let themselves go.”

“You can’t always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you’ll find, you get what you need.”

... You can’t always be what you think you should, but if you try sometimes, you just might find, you become something better — yourself.

Bleeps


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Boston University — Two exhibits appear in Special Collections on the fifth floor of Mugar Memorial Library, 771 Commonwealth Avenue: the history of nursing archives from Florence Nightingale to the present, and “Pascal 1623-1662,” first and subsequent editions of the works of Blaise Pascal. An exhibit of Mario Puzo’s original manuscript of “The Godfather” appears on the first floor. Through December 1.

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Female orb spiders that take LSD weave a different kind of web than spiders that take amphetamines or mescaline, says physician‐pharmacist Dr. Peter Witt in the November SCIENCE DIGEST. The LSD web is small but regular, while the amphetamine and mescaline webs are small and irregular. Psilocybin produces a small, regular web, too. The most bizarre webs, small and highly erratic, are woven by spiders on barbiturates.

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A Look At Freshmen

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made in this school. Being a freshman is an incentive in itself, for getting these changes, as we have four years in front of us. We must look ahead, and work now—共同努力.”

The Judicial Board is a very important faction in Lesley College. It makes decisions on infractions of rules. It consists of many students. One freshman is on the board.

Mary Mullen, newly elected to the position of Judicial Board Chairman says, “We have to work to change some rules that are inadequate for us. I hope decisions we make will be fair to all of the students.”

Mary Ann Stanton, Publicity chairman says on her position, “I hope that everyone could be united, even in the dorms. I hope everyone will be informed and won’t be left out. Instead of griping, you’d be able to talk to someone who could do something about your gripe.”

Amy Weiss, as treasurer, said, “I ran for the position of treasurer so I could be involved with our class, and I figured that’s the way I could do it. I just want to be part of the class.”

Janet Gary, as secretary said, “One thing that I feel is that the commuters should be a part of the school and not a single class within the school. Communications to the student body about things happening should be better. I was pleased to be elected and hope it will help me to become a part of the whole ‘LESLEY Community.’”

It appears that the freshman class officers are out for unity and involvement by the entire class. Their goals will be the goals of the class. They are working for change that Lesley College needs badly.

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