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WE CAN FIGHT PROPOSITION 2 ½

By Mary Dibek

Although the implementation of Proposition 2½ negatively affects the quality of public education in many cities and towns throughout the state of Massachusetts, it is true that public school students in Cambridge, Boston, and Worcester have suffered a greater degree than have their counterparts throughout the rest of the state. As educators and residents of Cambridge, we Lesley students are particularly concerned with the results. If Proposition 2½ has had with regard to the students and teachers in the Cambridge Public Schools. It is true that it is unlikely that we will be able to defeat Proposition 2½ in its entirety, however, if registered voters can reduce the force of its impact for the duration of one fiscal year (from July 1, 1982 to July 1, 1983).

On Tuesday, April 13, residents of Cambridge will vote on a referendum consisting of two questions, both of which concern a decrease in the effects of Proposition 2½. The first question, which requires a majority Yes vote in order to be implemented, is worded as follows: "Call the City of Cambridge be allowed to assess an additional $25.1 million in real estate and personal property taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982, if implemented, the city of Cambridge would be allowed to decrease the reductions required by 2½ by one-half during the next fiscal year. Due to the ambiguous wording of the question, many voters may think, "Absolutely not! Why should I pay more taxes than I do already? I'm definitely voting NO!" However, this question (and the second question) do not propose any increases in taxes; instead, decreases in the cuts required by Proposition 2½ are advocated! It is extremely unfortunate that voters are to be confronted with wording that is so misleading and confusing. It is likely that many will respond negatively due to a misunderstanding of the implications of the question.

The second question is worded exactly as the first, with the exception of the figure $10.2 million where $25.1 million had been listed previously. This second question allows the city to decrease the reduction required by Proposition 2½ if this proposition is not implemented in its entirety.

To ensure the passage of these propositions, the support of the college would be greatly appreciated and help to ensure the success of WalkAmerica. If any questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact me at 329-1560. I am looking forward to working with you.

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S.G.A. NEWS

ATTENTION KROOKHEIM, SOPHOMORES, & JUNIORS!!
All those interested in running for one of the class officer positions, Student Government, or Editors of the yearbook --- Election time is near. Elections will be held on April 13th and 14th. Ballot sheets should be due by March 31st. Start thinking about what position you may be interested in running for! Any questions? Contact Donna LaSpina if you have any questions— Vice President S.G.A. Box 214, 864-5823.

It's time once again to begin planning for the Lesley College Handbook. Students are needed to help in the publication of the 1982-83 handbook. If you are interested, contact M.J. Rouillard via the Student Government office, Box #324, or 864-7855. Please include your name, phone number, and mailbox number. Your input is needed to make this handbook the best yet!!

WALK-A-THON

On Sunday, April 25, 1982, the March of Dimes will conduct Walk-America to help raise funds for the fight against birth defects. With the help of many MassBay residents last year, the March of Dimes raised $200,000 for research and educational programs. Specifically in the Greater Boston area $30 million are scheduled. These routes are: 1) Boston/Cambridge/Somerville 2) Lynn 3) Medford/Waltham/Newton 4) Quincy/Weymouth 5) Pembroke/Holliston 6) Framingham/Ashland 7) Waltham/Watertown/Belmont.

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FROM THE
DEE LINE ...

By Norman Dee

Hello jogging fans. This must be the year of the dog, husky that is, because Northeastern University captured the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Association (ECAC) hockey championship for the first time ever, Harvard finished second, and Clarkson Tournament. For you jogging fans, rinse your northeastern (again) DePaul in the NCAA Tournament third place.

By Nary Dick

I would like to express my sincere thanks to members of the Black Student Union, Firkland Scottades Directorate Unit, and also to Pauline Fish Baldron and her husband and friends. This is old Norm rounding third, tripping over the bag and landing in a puddle.

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Paula's advice to beginning writers is two-fold. One suggestion is to utilize the material from their personal experience as a source of content. Another recommendation for writers concerns the process of revision. As Paula Marshall states, "writing is rewriting!" She concluded her presentation by mentioning that a piece of work written by Hemingway was found (after his death) to have been revised twice! In Paula's words, "it leads to suicide!"

Paula Marshall's presentation proved to be engaging, inspiring, and very worthwhile. Many thanks to all who made this event possible.

A REACTION

By Jane Claire Mastie

On Monday, March 14, the Women's Center sponsored a workshop on the Polish situation by Professor James Maye. Describing the history and politics of Poland, he started a discussion by presenting a definition of Solidarity as a non-violent revolutionary movement. The main goal of the members of Solidarity is to provide for the workers the freedom to control their own production and to purchase basic necessities, while still recognizing the government of Poland.

In order to understand today's political crisis in Poland, it is necessary to have an overview of Polish history. In 1945, Russia invaded Poland and installed a puppet government. For the next twenty-five years, the Soviet government overthrew Polish politicians who were not supportive of the Russian policies. Russia wished to exert its control on Poland through harsh restrictive measures. Inflation was high and workers were underpaid. The Polish people had to wait in line for long hours just to purchase basic necessities. In 1976 and in 1979, the Polish people went on strike.

Each time the government adopted repressive measures to put down the revolts by opening arms against the demonstrators, the government started to pass reforms in Poland. For example, the press had more access to information. The economy improved when the president borrowed money from the European community. However, the improvements only lasted temporarily. Poland once again experienced a recession and it was heavily in debt to the Western European countries.

In the summer of 1980, the Solidarity Movement was organized. It included twenty-five per cent of the population and eighty per cent of the working force. Including every segment of the working force, the Solidarity movement engaged with the government. From its beginnings, the Solidarity leaders advocated nonviolence and a compromise with the government. The government, however, never paid the Solidarity movement and got their foundations in the working class. The Solidarity movement went on strike. The government tried to squash the movement by imprisoning their leaders. Today, the economy is in disarray and depression. The Polish people are tired of the government and started to take the matter into their own hands.

In order to understand the situation of Poland, it is necessary to have a thorough understanding of the Polish political system. Poland is a Communist state that has been under Soviet rule for the past twenty-five years. The government is controlled by the Russian government and is dominated by the Communist Party. The Solidarity Movement, which is a non-violent revolutionary movement, is trying to overthrow the government and establish a democratic government in Poland.

A PLACE TO GATHER

By Deane J. Creamer

Being at Lesley since freshman year I have seen a change in the atmosphere towards Lesley. I remember in high school looking at various colleges and universities, I was appalled at the academic and social amenities. Today, while at Lesley, I have visited many dorms and common areas where students and faculty could gather informally. I remember Thursday night happy hours from my freshman year at Lesley. It was the one time students and faculty could gather informally on Lesley's campus. I believed and still believe that a place to gather is vital to college life and spirit, a belief confirmed while in London this past fall.

It is my aim to work to provide an informal gathering place for students and faculty. I am hopeful that such a place would meet the needs of all and aid in diminishing the apathy at Lesley. Computers believe residents' needs are being met and residents believe computers' needs are being met. The fact of the matter is neither group's needs are being met, nor are the needs of faculty addressed.

I am convinced that through student/ faculty support our goal can be obtained. It is a realistic goal with many benefits. According to a recent listing of the best college pubs in the Massachusetts area, the campus pub has become a great success. The initial expense of starting the pub was great; however, since then it has acquired substantial profits. They have never been broken even. In fact, they usually obtain a sizable profit on a daily basis.

Students' financial needs are going to be greater than ever. Throughout the pub, work-study positions could be created. Included are the results of 150 questionnaires. I would like to use only a few of you "tips" to inform you of what the students are saying. I will give you a place to gather. If you have any questions and/or comments please contact me, Deane J. Creamer, Box 77.

1. How would you rate Lesley for adequate space for students and faculty to come together?
-5-no, 7-yes, 1-somewhat, 2-did not answer

2. How often do you use Charlie's?
-5-did not answer, 4-other, 3-yes, 2-maybe, 1-no

3. How often do you use Charlie's for the sale of soda, wine, beer, and munchies?
-4-yes, 3-no, 2-maybe, 1-did not answer

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