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THE LESLEY GREEN & GOLD

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S.G.A. NEWS

ATTENTION FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, & JUNIORS !! All those interested in running for either class officers, Student Government, or Editors of the yearbook --- Election time is near. Elections will be held on April 13th and 14th. Nomination sheets are due by March 31st. Start thinking about what position you may be interested in running for. Look for all information on the S.G.A. bulletin board- White Hall cafeteria. Contact Donna LaSpina if you have any questions- Vice President S.G.A. Box 214, 868-6829.

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 issue. Anyone interested may contact M.J. Roullard 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 Mass Bay residents last year, the March of Dimes raised \$275,000 for research and educational programs. Specifically in the Greater Boston area, seven 30 kilometer routes are scheduled. These routes are: 1) Boston/Cambridge/Somerville 2) Lynn 3) Medford/Malden/Melrose 4) Quincy/Weymouth 5) Dedham/Norwood 6) Framingham/Ashland 7) Waltham/Watertown/Belmont.

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 329-1360. I am looking forward to working with you.

David A. Boehm

WE CAN FIGHT PROPOSITION 2 1/2

By Mary Dick

Although the implementation of proposition 2 1/2 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 to a greater degree than have their counterparts throughout the rest of the state. As educators and as residents of Cambridge, we Lesley students are particularly concerned with the results 2 1/2 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 2 1/2 in its entirety. However, as registered voters, we 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 2 1/2. The first question, which requires a Majority Yes vote in order to be implemented, is worded as follows: "Shall the City of Cambridge be allowed to assess an additional \$5.1 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 2 1/2 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 2 1/2 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 \$5.1 million had been listed previously. This second question allows the city to refrain from reduction totally! If this receives a two-thirds yes vote, Cambridge would not be required to implement any budget cuts at all. If both questions receive the required number of votes needed in order to be approved, then the situation as stated (however falsely) in the second question will take effect.

The time element involved deserves mention. Both questions concern the duration of one year's time. Although the wording includes the phrase "for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982," the limitation of one year is not directly specified. It is indeed disturbing that voters are to be confronted with such an inaccurate, misleading pair of questions on April 13!! In order to think intelligently and independently when presented wording of this nature, voters are strongly urged to be informed of the issues addressed. Remember: vote Yes on both questions on April 13! (A reminder: all polling places in the city will be open from 8am to 8pm on Tuesday, April 13. Members of the Lesley community are welcome to vote at the Agassiz Elementary School. Anyone interested in receiving more information should contact the Coalition for Cambridge at 42 Walker Street, Cambridge. The telephone number is 497-6229).

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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, New Hampshire third and Clarkson fourth. The Dobag Society finished sixth. The above four universities (minus the Dobag) will represent the East in the NCAA Tournament. For you jogging fans, rinse your blisters in vinegar and you will be as good as new. In basketball, Boston College pulled the upset of the year by defeating favored DePaul in the NCAA Tournament third round. Northeastern (again) came close but lost in triple overtime to Villin over 76-72. I predict that next year Boston University will be the surprise team in basketball and that Harvard and Boston University will be the top teams in hockey. I also predict that thunder will follow lightning and the sun will come out after the clouds roll by. My blue plate special prediction is that all elementary school teachers will be teaching science by 1984. Another tip for you jogging fans, look both ways before crossing a street. In professional sports, the Celtics continue to roll in winning their fifteenth straight over the past few weeks. The Boston Bruins would be much higher in the standings if they didn't have to play the Canadians. They seem to do an "el-fold-do" each time they meet. Spring can't be far away because our beloved Red Sox are getting in shape down south. There is nothing like the crack of a bat, a splattering of a ball and water on the knee. I predict that the Red Sox will finish and the football players will stage a strike in the late summer. One last tip for you jogging fans, breathe through your nose because it helps prevent pollution from reaching your lungs. Don't forget, our Lesley softball team is now in Cranston, RI getting ready for their first game April 2, 1982 against (you guessed it) Boston Univ. The first home game is against Northeastern on April 9, 1982. This team needs and deserves our support. Well so long for now sports fans. This is old Norm rounding third, tripping over the bag and landing in a puddle.

AGAINST NUCLEAR WAR

By Barbara Cunningham and Barbara Kinach

Adequate words are lacking to express the seriousness of the present world situation. US and Soviet nuclear weapons arsenals possess the capability to annihilate the opposing superpower, not once, but twenty-five times. Need we continue such an arms race? Can it be "won"? Shall we continue until we become a "...republic of insects and grass?" (Schell. The New Yorker, 2/82)

Furthermore, the money used to produce these weapons is being taken from student loans, education, and social programs. If we continue to allow our tax dollars to be spent on the arms race, education will become an opportunity only for the rich. As professionals committed to working with children, we must ask if we will allow learning to become the right of a privileged few.

Economic and statistical comparisons pale, however, in the face of human destruction. What are numbers when we become a civilization without light in a child's eyes; a civilization whose young professionals have not even a hope of beginning the work; a civilization suspended only in the moment, without past, without future?

AGAINST NUCLEAR WAR, continued

It is our responsibility as social beings to take action and inform the leaders on the planet of our concern for the quality and sanctity of life.

In the next weeks, the Lesley College Committee Against Nuclear War invites you to express your concern.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....
Wednesday, March 31st
Welch Auditorium
7-10 PM

FILM: "The War Game"
SPEAKER: Dr. Edgar Bottome, Associate Professor, Norwich University

Monday, April 12th

COFFEEHOUSE:
ANTINUCLEAR
BENEFIT with
entertainment, refreshments & pastry

April 30th, May 1st
Harvard Science Center/
Lesley College

CONFERENCE:
Waging Peace:
Educating for Social Responsibility

**
The purpose of this conference is to raise and discuss the issues surrounding the threat of nuclear war, the psychological implications of the nuclear arms race, and the social implications of military spending, especially in regard to education.

REGISTRATION: \$10 ESR members
\$15 non-ESR members

Mail to: Waging Peace
105 Memorial Hall 495-3945
Harvard University
Cambridge, Ma. 02138

VIEWPOINT

By Mary Dick

I would like to express my sincere thanks to members of the Black Student Union, Kirkland Residence Directors Unit, and also to Pauline Woodward and her Contemporary Ethnic Literature Class for arranging for Paule Marshall to speak at Lesley on Tuesday, March 16. I thoroughly enjoyed both Paule's presentation and the informal reception held afterward. Especially meaningful to me were Paule's discussion of personal experience as valuable resource material for writers, along with her description of the inspiring forces in her life which compelled her to write.

Paule Marshall's own experiences as a young girl born and raised in Brooklyn form the basis for the content of her book, Brown Girl, Brownstones (first published in 1959 by The Feminist Press). Two aspects of her background have strongly influenced her life and her work: her tri-cultural heritage and the poetic language expressed by Paule's mother and other women who worked as domestics during the day and gathered informally to talk in the kitchen of Paule's brownstone house after their work was done. Paule's heritage consists of three cultural influences: that of the Afro-American culture, the West Indian influence (Paule's parents had lived on the island of Barbados in the West Indies), and her experience as a young woman coming of age in Brooklyn, New York. The strongest motivating factor of her Brooklyn experience concerns the poetic language expressed by Paule's mother and her friends. This poetic expression is characterized by both unique imagery and duality of language. An example of this imagery concerns the simile "She is like a thoroughfare" when referring to a sexually promiscuous woman. An example of dual language is the expression "beautiful ugly" used to describe a person with both positive and negative traits. Paule refers to the women who used this colorful language as poets who had mastered the art and craft of language and of music and speech in verbal expression, along with the art of telling stories. These poets, among them Paule's mother in particular, have provided Paule with both the experiences and the motivation with which to write.

Paule's advice to beginning writers is two-fold. One suggestion is to utilize the material from one's personal experiences as a source of content. Another recommendation for writers concerns the process of revision. As Paule 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 two hundred times! In Paule's words, "it leads to suicide!"

Paule 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 Hastie

On Monday, March 14, the Woman's Center sponsored a workshop on the Polish situation conducted by Professor Larry Kaye. Describing the history and politics of Post-War Poland, he started a discussion by presenting a definition of Solidarity as a non-violent revolutionary movement. The main goal of the leaders of Solidarity is to provide for the workers the freedom to control the local production of their own communities, 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 presidents who were not supportive of the Russian policies. Russia wished to exert its control on Poland through harsh restrictive measures. Inflation was high and products were scarce. The Polish people had to wait in line for long hours just to purchase basic necessities. In 1956 and in 1970, the Polish people went on strike. Each time, the government adopted repressive measures to put down the revolts by opening arms against the demonstrators.

In 1970, 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 Western European countries. However, the improvements only lasted temporarily. Poland once again experienced a recession and 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 openly negotiated with the government. From its beginnings, the Solidarity leaders advocated nonviolence and a compromise with the government. The government, however, feared that they would lose their power and abolished these reforms. (One was for three years' paid maternity leave). Disillusioned, the Polish people went on strike. The government tried to squelch the movement by imprisoning their leaders. Today, the economy is in disarray and depression. The situation looks bleak with regard to the near future.

The workshop inspired much interest among the thirty students who attended. Many complex questions were raised. Larry Kaye presented an accurate perspective of the Polish situation. By explaining the historical background, he enabled the students to have a better understanding of the causes leading to the crisis. A recommendation of mine is to have workshops of this nature in the future.

A PLACE TO GATHER

By Deane J. Creamer

Being at Lesley since freshman year I have seen an overwhelming amount of apathy towards Lesley. I remember in high school looking at various colleges and universities. I looked at what they offered both academically and socially. Many of the schools had campus pubs where students and faculty could gather informally. I remember Thursday night happy hours freshman year at Lesley. It was the one time students and faculty could gather informally on Lesley's campus. I believed and still do believe that a gathering place is vital to college life and spirit, a belief confirmed while in England 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. Commuters believe residents' needs are being met and residents believe commuters' needs are being met. The fact of the matter is that neither group's needs are being met, nor are the needs of faculty addressed.

I am confident that through student/faculty support my goal can be obtained. It is a realistic goal with many benefits. Harvard Law School has recently opened a campus pub which 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 not broken even. In fact, they usually obtain a sizable profit on a daily basis.

Students' financial needs are going to be greater than ever next year. Through the pub, work-study positions could be created. Included are the results of 130 questionnaires. I thank all of you who took the time to care by filling them out. Hopefully, the trustees and administrators of Lesley will agree that the College desperately needs a common place to gather. If you have any questions and/or comments please contact me, Deane J. Creamer, Box 77.

1. Do you think Lesley provides adequate space for students and faculty to come together?
121-no, 7-yes, 1-somewhat, 2-did not answer
2. Does Charlie's meet your needs? Why?
103-no, 28-yes
-There is nothing there that interests me.
-It is overrun with maintenance.
-I don't feel it allows for a place to sit, talk, relax. At night after studying it would be nice to be able to "escape" to a place.
-Should be considered a meeting place in all senses of the word, in other words, provide services as a pub.
-Not open at night, should be a pub.
-Not open weekends.
-I only use it as a place to get coffee, soda or something to eat.
-Usually because it's open during the day and I'm a commuter.
3. Would you utilize Charlie's if it were open during the evening hours?
92-yes, 16-no, 13-maybe, 10-did not answer
4. Would you like Charlie's open for the sale of soda, wine, beer, and munchies?
117-yes, 4-no, 1-maybe, 9-did not answer
5. Do you think that the Lesley community as a whole could benefit from such an arrangement?
92-yes, 1-no
6. How would you like to see Charlie's used?
72-a pub, 18-a lounge, 1-a coffeehouse

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A P R I L						
				APRIL FOOL'S DAY!! Lesley College at <u>Narcissus</u> CHILDREN'S MUSEUM WORKSHOP....."AN APRIL FOOL'S SPECIAL" Held April 1st - 4th For Schedule and info. call 426-6500, ext. #206	Amnesty Intern'l spons. Discussion on polit. abduction & murder-8:15pm for info. 332-2209	CAMPUS DAY For Schedule and info. call 426-6500, ext. #206
1	2	3				
<u>PALM SUNDAY</u> Movie in Welch Audit. "Norma Rae" 7pm Larry Kaye will lead a discussion follow- ing the movie	Nuclear Referendum Benefit Concert at the <u>Tam O'Shanter</u> - <u>Brookline 8:30pm</u> Women's Center Meeting 9:00	Movie in Welch Audit. "Highnoon" 7pm ALL ARE WELCOME!!!	L.C.C.F. Sharing Times 7:00 Room 205	<u>PASSOVER BEGINS</u> Racquetball at the Harvard Squash Courts 6:30-8:30	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> Movie: "Singing in the Rain" at Harvard Mather House Dining hall 8:10pm Admission \$1.50	Children's Museum "At Home in Japan" also "Looking at Work" for more information on these workshops call: 426-6500
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<u>EASTER</u>	"Coffee House for Peace" sponsored by The Lesley College Comm. Against Nuclear War and the Women's Ctr. Alumni Hall 8-11pm	Movie in Welch Audit. "Shame" By Ingmar Bergman at 7pm ALL ARE WELCOME!!!	L.C.C.F. Sharing Times 7:00 Room 205	Racquetball at the Harvard Squash Courts 6:30-8:30	DORMS CLOSE FOR APRIL VACATION!!!	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
V A C A T I O N !!						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
DORMS OPEN AT NOON!	Woman's Center <u>Meeting 9:00pm</u> Racquetball at Harvard squash courts 6:30-8:30	Movie in Welch Audit. "Doaes-Ka-Den" by Kira Kurosawa 7pm ALL ARE WELCOME!!!	L.C.C.F. Sharing Times 7:00 Room 205		MAY DAY!!! Harbor Cruise	April is an artist But someone should have taught her To paint her spring- time landscapes With fewer dabs of water. Anonymous
25	26	27	28	29	30	