

Field Notes

This is Alyssa Pacy and today's date is Wednesday July 15, 2009.

I'm with Diane Butterfield Brosnan and Jenny Gilbert of Lesley University at Diane's home in Plymouth, MA to discuss her undergraduate career at Lesley University. This is our first interview.

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Introduction:

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Questions:

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- A) Background
 - a. What year were you born?
 - b. Where were you born?
 - c. Where did you grow up?
 - d. Parents' profession(s), volunteer activities, hobbies?
- B) Education
 - a. Where did you go to high school?
 - b. When did you graduate?
 - c. What year did you begin Lesley University?
 - d. What year did you graduate?
 - e. What did you major in?
- C) At Lesley University
 - a. Why did you choose Lesley University?
 - b. What was the application process?
 - c. What was the admissions process?
 - d. What was it like when you arrived?
- D) Academics
 - a. What kinds of classes did you take?

- b. Who were your professors?
 - c. What was your relationship like with your professors?
 - d. What was your relationship like with your fellow classmates?
 - e. What were your favorite classes?
 - f. What were your least favorite classes?
 - g. Where were your classes held?
 - h. Were the classes mostly lecture?
 - i. What kind of work were you required to do?
 - j. What did the classrooms look like?
 - k. What was a memorable moment in your academic life?
 - l. What were the teaching techniques that you learned at Lesley?
 - m. What was the philosophy of education that you learned at Lesley?
- E) Dorm life
- a. What dorms did you live in?
 - b. Can you describe dorm life?
 - c. What did the dorm rooms look like? Furniture?
 - d. Did you have roommates?
 - e. What was your favorite dorm?
 - f. Do you have a memorable dorm moment?
- F) Student Activities
- a. What activities were you involved in?
- G) Social life
- a. How would you describe your social life at Lesley?
 - b. Where does your social activity take place on or off campus?
 - c. Do you have a memorable social event?
- H) Lesley Personalities
- a. Who stands out (either professors, administrators, or students) as a strong personality or presence on campus?
 - b. Did you have much interaction with the president?
- I) Lesley Traditions
- a. Are there any Lesley traditions that you participated in?
- J) After Graduation
- a. What did you do after graduation?
 - b. How has your Lesley experience influenced you over time?
 - c. Can you talk about your experience as a Principal?
 - d. What difference do you think you made in the classroom?
 - e. How did the philosophy of education change over time in your classroom?
- K) Children
- a. Karen, '75LC and Joann '74E and Leslie named after Lesley
- L) Hobbies

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- M) Do you have any memorabilia or items from your Lesley years that you can donate or allow us to copy or photograph? Letters, course notebooks, scrapbooks, etc.
- N) Random Questions
- a. Who do you admire professionally or personally?
 - b. Can you think of any event or person who has really influenced your professional life?
 - c. Your personal life?
 - d. If you could do anything now, what would you do? Why?
 - e. Do you have a favorite story from Lesley?
 - f. Do you like your job?
 - g. What lessons has your work at Lesley taught you?
 - h. What do you think is special about Lesley? What is different about going to school at Lesley rather than other institutions?
 - i. What is the legacy of your philosophy (or the philosophy of Lesley) that will be transmitted to the next generation? What should be preserved?