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# Lesley University Publications

## Miscellaneous, 1968-2008

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### Collection Overview

**Title:** Lesley University Publications - Miscellaneous, 1968-2008 (inclusive)

**ID:** 10/01/007

**Creator:** Lesley University (1909 -)

**Extent:** 2 Boxes

**Arrangement:** Collection is arranged by title in alphabetical order. Publication titles with multiple folders are organized chronologically.

**Date Acquired:** 03/04/2011

**Languages:** English

### Scope and Contents of the Materials

The Lesley University Publications (Misc.) collection comprises magazines, newsletters, newspapers, and other promotional brochures and periodicals published with the Lesley College/University community between 1968-2008. Titles currently in the collection are:

The Adult Learner  
A Special Place: the Writing Skills Center  
The Bilingual Journal  
The Calendar of Storytelling Arts  
Campus Happenings  
Division of Special Education Newsletter  
Division of Student Affairs Newsletter  
The Grad Bag  
In Print  
The Learning Lab @ Lesley Newsletter

Lesley Chronicle  
Lesley Graduate News  
Lesley Parents Newsletter  
L.U. Tribune  
Lesley Voice  
Management Division Newsletter  
MST Center Net  
Nexus  
The Open Door  
PMBI Report  
SCA Monthly (student council)  
Threshold Gazette  
W.I.N.: Women's Independent News

The Lesley University Archives has sporadic runs or selected issues of these publications.

Collection is arranged by title in alphabetical order. Publication titles with multiple folders are organized chronologically.

Unrepresented issues will be added to the finding aid as they are acquired and accessioned into the collection. See box and folder lists for more details.

## **Historical Note**

Lesley University is made up of the following four schools:

Lesley College  
Art Institute of Boston at Lesley  
Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences  
Graduate School of Education

In 1909 Edith Lesley [Wolfard] opened “The Lesley Normal School” (“normal” at the time designating teacher training schools) in her home on Everett Street in Cambridge, Massachusetts to train young women to become kindergarten and early elementary teachers. Influenced by the philosophy of German educator Friedrich Froebel, Lesley’s two-year curriculum stressed the importance of physical activity (singing, dancing and gardening) and play, particularly with blocks and similar objects. Edith Lesley also stressed the values of treating students as individuals and the importance of “gracious living.” Eleven students graduated in the first class in 1911. In the following year classes in household arts were added and in 1918, a department, known first as Domestic Science, later (1939-1940) as Home Economics, was established, offering a one- or two-year program which prepared students to work in various public institutions, including schools and hospitals.

By the 1920s the school, now “The Lesley School,” had twenty-two instructors, had acquired three buildings for dormitories, and had built Alumni Hall for assemblies and classes. Extra-curricular activities came to play an important role, with Wednesday afternoons reserved for musical or theatrical student performances. Later in the decade a three-year kindergarten and early elementary program was offered in addition to the two-year course of study. During the 1930s Gertrude Malloch, who had joined the school as a teacher and administrator in its first decade, became the school’s chief administrator, after Edith Lesley Wolfard’s health began to fail.

The late 1930s to early 1940s saw some changes at Lesley. Enrollment, which had been over 300 earlier in the decade, declined during the Depression, reaching a low of 63 at one point. In 1939 the school, to that point privately owned, became a non-profit institution through incorporation, and during the academic year 1939-1940 it added a four-year teacher-training program. In 1943 this four-year program was recognized as meeting all the requirements of the B.S. in education and soon after that the school began to award this degree. 1944 saw the school’s name changed to Lesley College and the appointment of the College’s first president, Trentwell Mason White. Edith Lesley Wolfard retained the titles of Founder and Director Emeritus. The first baccalaureate degrees were awarded in June of 1945. In 1949, Lesley College acquired the Walter F. Dearborn School and the Lesley Ellis School, and in 1959 added a third, the Carroll Hall School, as laboratory schools, providing opportunities for study and observation by Lesley College students and faculty.

The next decade was one of growth for Lesley, with the addition of evening and summer classes, a coeducational graduate program in education, new buildings and an enrollment expanding to 380 undergraduates and 52 graduate students. Lesley achieved regional and national accreditation in 1952 and in 1954 was empowered to confer a Master’s Degree in Elementary Education. The graduate school was co-ed. The decade was also marked by loss, with Edith Lesley Wolfard’s death in 1953 and President White’s in 1959. Don Orton succeeded Dr. White in July 1960.

As the 1960s progressed, enrollment continued to grow and the college continued to offer a variety of student activities and clubs. In 1961, the first New England Kindergarten Conference was held. The 1960s also saw the death of Gertrude Malloch, who donated her home to be used as a house for the Lesley College President.

Lesley College continued to grow in the 1970s and 1980s, both building and acquiring new properties. The graduate school increased its offerings to include 18 different programs in the 70s, and added management degree completion programs in the 80s. In 1981, the Lesley initiated the School of Programs in Management for Business and Industry (PMBI), which later became the School of Management. By the mid-80s, the graduate school enrollment was over 3300, and, additionally, Lesley launched its first off-campus program, the National Outreach program in Denver, Colorado. In 1982, an academic and living skills program for young adults with learning disabilities was also founded, called the Threshold Program. In 1985, Lesley inaugurated its first female president, Margaret McKenna. Soon after, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges approved Lesley’s first Ph.D. program. The first Ph.D. students were admitted in the

fall of 1990.

In the 1990s, Lesley continued to increase the size of its campus by purchasing the Porter Exchange Building, which doubled its classroom space. The college also joined Division III of the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association), distinguishing itself as an institution that encourages both physical and intellectual prowess. International programs increased, being offered in Europe, the Middle East, and Canada. In 1996, the Graduate School of Education was officially established. In 1998, the school purchased the Art Institute of Boston.

The new millennium proved to be one of success and distinction for Lesley. In 2000 Lesley officially became a university, and its undergraduate program was renamed Lesley College. In 2003, Princeton Review named the university as one of the "Best Northeastern Colleges," and in 2004 Backpacker magazine named Lesley's Audubon Expedition Institute as one of the "Top 5 Outdoor Education" programs. The college went co-ed in 2005, admitting men for the first time. In the spring of 2006, President McKenna announced her retirement at the end of the 2006-2007 academic year, and the Board of Trustees announced that Dr. Joseph B. Moore would take over as President of Lesley University in July of 2007.

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**Finding Aid Revision History:** Finding Aid to be revised as issues are acquired and accessioned into the collection.

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## **Box and Folder Listing**

### **Box 1: Lesley University Publications - Miscellaneous, 1968-2008**

Folder 1: Adult Learner, 1981  
from the Lesley College Graduate School: Outreach and Alternative Education. [2  
copies]  
Folder 2: A Special Place: The Writing Skills Center, 1984-85?  
Folder 3: Bilingual Journal, Feb 1977 - May 1977  
Folder 4: Calendar of Storytelling Arts, Spring 1982-Fall 1982  
Folder 5: Campus Happenings, Winter 1982  
Folder 6: Division of Special Education Newsletter, Nov 1980  
Folder 7: Division of Student Affairs Newsletter, Spring 1999  
Folder 8: Grad Bag, 20 Oct 1976  
Lesley College Graduate School of Education  
Folder 9: In Print, Dec 1979  
Lesley College Graduate School: Education in Public Communication Program  
Folder 10: Learning Lab @ Lesley Newsletter, Fall/Winter 2000  
Folder 11: Lesley Chronicle, May 1999  
Folder 12: Lesley Graduate News, 12 Jun 1978 - 7 Aug 1978  
Folder 13: Lesley Parents Newsletter, Nov 1968: Vol. 3, No. 1  
Folder 14: L.U. Tribune, Dec 2004 - Oct 2005  
Folder 15: L.U. Tribune, Nov 2005 - Nov 2006  
Folder 16: Lesley Voice, Jan 2008  
Folder 17: Management Division Newsletter, Summer 1980 - Aug 1982  
Folder 18: Miscellaneous, 2000s  
Folder 19: MST Center Net, Spring 1996 - Spring 1999  
Center for Mathematics, Science, and Technology in Education.

### **Box 2: Lesley University Publications - Miscellaneous, 1978-2002**

Folder 1: Nexus, 28 Feb 1981 - Fall 1982  
Lesley College Graduate School  
Folder 2: Nexus, Spring 1983 - Fall 1984  
Lesley College Graduate School  
Folder 3: Nexus, Spring 1985 - Fall 1985  
Lesley College Graduate School  
Folder 4: Nexus, Feb 1985 - Apr 1989  
Lesley College Graduate School  
Folder 5: Open Door, May 1989  
Collection of poetry and prose by Lesley College students.  
Folder 6: PMBI Report, Dec 1982 - Oct 1983  
Lesley College Programs in Management for Business and Industry  
Folder 7: SCA Monthly, Sep 1978  
Student Council Association  
Folder 8: Threshold Gazette, Winter 1999, Summer 2002  
Threshold Program, Lesley College  
Folder 9: W.I.N.: Women's Independent News, 15 Oct 1980 - 18 Dec 1980

Folder 10: Lesley Link, Spring 1996-Fall 1997  
Newsletter from the Lesley College Office of Information Technology  
Folder 11: The Whistler, Oct 1996-June 1998  
Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council