

THE STUDENT VOICE OF LYNCHBURG COLLEGE

Evacuate Carnegie to Accommodate New Cadets; Refugees Reach Westover (March 3rd 1943)

By Carol Potee
~ Guest Writer

Once the government's offer had been accepted and the decision made to move the men from Carnegie into Westover Hall to make way for the in-coming Air Corps Cadets, the school authorities and students moved with such confidence and rapidity as I have ever seen before.

At the first mass-meeting of dorm residents, committees were appointed to work out details of the moving. Two weeks ago today, the second mass meeting was held. No sooner had we heard the reports by various committees - such as Third-and-Second Floor Improvements, Co-Op, Switch Board, Water Tank and Showers - than a whole battalion of workmen moved in.

We encountered the first eight o' clock Thursday morning. Plasterers, paperhangers, plumbers and carpenters worked constantly.

At last, exactly a week ago, a holiday was declared - rumor has it the boys threatened to strike for one until Officialdom (itself) recognized the necessity and made the proceedings legal. Wednesday morning

breakfast found the masculine fashion parade decked out in its best Sunday-go-to-meeting overalls, with some of the girls as well later donning slacks. At eight, the Great Exodus began. Fortunately no Red Sea appeared to engulf the pursuing Army - the United States this time, not the Pharaohs. As might have been expected, Bill Hancy attempted to enact the role of Moses in directing the wanderers to the "land of milk and honey."

In lieu of camels, the Exodusing Carnegietes loaded the college truck with furniture, trunks and heavier personal property. Once this had been deposited on the porch before Westover's north entrance, leg power alone was available for the rest of the long haul to the third floor. At noon Miss Raine announced that manna was served in the dining hall and the ravenous Pilgrims fell to.

Of course the girls, in the role of the Caananites abandoning a portion of the Promised Land to the invading refugees had assisted in the Exodus. Consequently, some were hurt by a depreciating remark dropped by Dean Hunter at

lunch. Later, however, he assured us that he fully appreciated and was grateful for the efforts of the Westover lassies who had trod back and forth the path of Carnegie to the (one-time) Skirt-Barn, he hadn't meant that we were no help, he did not even begrudge a well-earned rest to those who had, in the balmy pseudo-

spring sunshine, reclined luxuriously in the grass - well, that is, except for the fact that it diverted some of the boys from more serious pursuits.

It was the half-a-dozen girls, however, who had worked steadily, that felt bad over the decree at noon closing the third floor to women henceforth and forevermore (Amen!).

In order to accommodate the new Army boys, other changes in the arrangement of the plant were made. The Hornets' Nest now occupies quarters in the Westover basement. Although the new store is more roomy, it is less attractive than the old location. And in the corner stands a nervous boiler which beats out an accompaniment



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to the Anvil Chorus twenty-four hours per day with a most nerve-wracking gusto. The Music Department vacated its quarters in Westover Hall for a house on Westwood Avenue and the engineering drawing equipment has been moved from the basement to share the fourth floor art studios.

P.S - Orchids to Freak Watson and Doug Drysdale - although town students, they played a stellar role "moving day" or rather "night." They claim that Miss Himler usurped them away from the "Numberpleeuz" gal in the phone booth to "help a man move a little wardrobe upstairs." This turned out to be three portable closets of gargantuan dimensions and had to be lugged out of the basement, clear around the building, back in and up to the

second floor. The effort was not without compensation, however. With Miss Himler striding ahead of them like a lictor before the Roman consuls, and her cry of "Man on the Hall" echoing through the corridors of Paradise, these two suck... that is, we mean young men were astounded to note that instead of sending the femmes scurrying for shelter, the warning brought a goodly number out to have a look.

P.P.S. - Dean Wake, if you have finished calculating the cubic capacity of and relative density of all the College property, will you please return the yard-stick you borrowed from the Press Office. Douglas Drysdale's mother wants him to bring it home as she uses it for smoothing out the bed covers.

Men's Basketball Continues Success (February 5th 2013)

By Billy Madison
~ Staff Writer

The Lynchburg Men's Basketball team currently holds an overall record of 16-5. This is the best record they have had since the 1974-75 season, where the Hornets set a school-best winning percentage of .833.

Head Coach Hilliary Scott said they have made many changes this season that led to their success.

"Scheduling has made a difference. We've played Division I teams in the past and obviously it can be a good experience for us to play against some better competition, get us ready for the league, but most of the time those are going to be losses. This year we didn't play any Division I teams, we played all Division III teams, we felt like we had a chance to win those games, and ultimately we went 9-0 out of conference this year," Scott said.

According to LC records, the Hornets' undefeated out-of-conference record of 9-0 has never been done. With this



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kind of success, a big part is emphasized throughout the Hornets' training period. Scott-said his team has concentrated on their aspect of winning those tight games. "I think one of the biggest things is that we are finding ways to win those close games. We've had a ton of those since I've been here. Now this year we've found ways to win close games," Scott said.

The Hornets' seniors said Scott's coaching abilities are definitely making a difference on and off the court. They said there are many factors that have contributed to their success this season, including how close they have become as a team, the cooperation they have shown Scott and their growth academically in the classroom. "I would say our closeness. I think this is the closest team we've ever had and I think

that, you know, everyone has done what Coach Scott has asked them to do. And this is the best year our GPA has ever been as a whole from an academic standpoint," said senior and guard Robby Kaiser. Looking at the overall record of 16-5 this season, compared to that of last season's 15-11, something changed throughout the team's outlook on the game of basketball. Senior and center Austin

Chillemi said he thinks that the amount of experience they have from being in close-game situations over the previous three years has helped the team tremendously this season. "This year I think it's that we have a lot more experience. We have about nine or ten guys that have been playing here two years or more, and those past years we'd always get close games we'll lose them, and here we have a lot

more experience and now we are winning these close games instead of losing them," Chillemi said. The team looks to continue their success and advance their record to 17-5 this Wednesday, Feb. 6, as they host the Roanoke Maroons at 7:00 p.m.

LC senate sparks revisions for students rights (February 6th 1990)

By Jill Miranda
~ Staff Writer

For the past two years, the Bill of Rights has been missing from the Lynchburg College Hornet, and as a result many students have been unaware of their rights.

The Senate has taken action to revise the Bill of Rights and put them back in The Hornet. "As of now there are different sections in The Hornet that arc in conflict with the Bill of Rights," said junior Carter Wyant, chair of the Senate, "and revisions need to be made."

The Senate has made major revisions concerning off-campus conduct and policy and has tried to define what "poses a continuing threat" to the LC community as stated in the Bill.

In talking with the administration, the Senate took the stand that the rights of students have been violated since the Bill of Rights has not been included in the Hornet. Wyant said, The Bill of Rights should stand as is because not being in The Hornet went against the rights and we were not made aware of them."

In opposition, the administration's stand is that anything done prior to the Bill of Rights has precedence over it. Wyant said, "Any policy elsewhere in The Hornet against the Bill overrides the BUI."

The Off-Campus Board approval will "put more power in the students hands" said Wyant, "and will hopefully end up being more preventive than disciplinary." The Bill of Rights revisions



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will be reviewed by the faculty on Tuesday and if approved wUl go before the Board of Trustees in March. From there, the decision is in their hands. The problem with that is the Board of Trustees can disregard any prior changes and make their own. As Wyant stated, "This school is by no means a democracy because the Board has the final say in everything." Other plans in the Senate

include a Peer Watch Program and a new budget form. The Peer Watch Program is a combination of Safe Rides and the escort service. There will be a general meeting on Friday Feb. 9. All students interested in volunteering should attend. The plan is to have student escorts to attend the parties and find out who needs to be walked somewhere or needs a ride. Eight people are needed

a night: four on fool, two in a van, and two taking phone calls. This system will be effective," said Wyant, "if students are aware that other students care." The number to remember is 522-0657. On Sunday, Feb. 11, there will be a Senate meeting to discuss new budgets for clubs and organizations. The Senate has been allotted money for the semester and

will decide the need on the basis of written proposals by club leaders. The Senate wants "to make sure the students know we are there for them," said freshman Bob Duff, senator of Freer. He also said, "The faculty and administration are offering more support than first anticipated."

Debate Continues Over General Education Policies (February 12th 1985)

By Douglas F. Schauss
~ Associate News Editor

The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) has proposed a new draft of LC's general education requirements which was taken to last week's faculty meeting and is now up for discussion in a number of forums.

"We (EPC) are trying to provide a foundation that is essential for a Liberal Arts and Sciences education," said Dr. Thomas W. Seaman, chairman of the EPC.

According to Seaman, the new draft gives added strengths to the new requirements. It eliminates the Thematic Option, eliminates the current practice of opt out, restores foreign language study, gives emphasis to the sciences and restores the fine arts as a

requirement.

This draft has provoked educational debate and discussion among many departments.

One change gives new emphasis to the science "partially correcting an imbalance between the sciences and the humanities," said Seaman.

This issue has spurred dialogue between the science division and the psychology department on whether or not psychology should satisfy the science requirement. Presently it does.

The draft raised the requirement to twelve hours from eight, with selections

being taken from two fields: Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry, Physics, and Psychology.

Dr. Thomas A. Looney, Associate Professor of Psychology, said psychology does accomplish teach a certain body of knowledge and type of methodology.

"The present system allows students to by-pass the natural sciences in favor of psychology," said Dr. Gwynn W. Ramsey, Chairman of the department of biology.

Ramsey said the science division has been for a number of years "concerned" about the decrease in students in the natural sciences.

In three years physics and chemistry have each lost one full time staff member and Biology department members are teaching in peripheral areas in order to retain employment, according to a science division hand out.

Ramsey said that psychology is, "specialized and narrow in scope," and the natural sciences educate students in broad fields of science.

"I think the quality from twelve hours of coursework will be self-evident, the national numbers for science are on the increase," said Ramsey.

"Courses will be altered to accommodate the new four hour addition, (but) I

don't think that existing lab courses can be crammed into one semester," said Dr. Neal Sumerlin, professor of chemistry.

"We don't have the manpower to offer additional courses and to water them down would be meaningless," said Sumerlin.

Dr. Julius A. Sigler, Associate Dean of the College, said that most students taking the extra four hours will probably be signing up for the first half of a two semester course.

Dr. Sumerlin expressed interest in a sixteen hour requirement saying, "I'd like to see the bachelor of science major be required to have two labs; sixteen hours."

Teaching Regulations Changed by State Board of Education

(November 20th 1962)

All programs planning to enter the teaching profession and wish to qualify for a Virginia Teaching certificate should be interested in the new regulations of the Virginia State Board of Education, which became effective July, 1952.

Subject requirements in various fields of study have been increased and certain requirements are now demanded of all teachers. These requirements are as follows: a minimum of 12 semester hours in English; 12 semester hours in social

studies including United States history; 6 semester hours in health and physical education and safety, of which not less than two hours shall be in health education. In addition to the foregoing, which are mandatory for certification "it is considered highly important that courses in music and fine arts be included in this background of general education," according to the State Board of Education.

Identical Exams Given to Approximately 20,000 Students of Colleges of the U.S.A.

(October 8th 1930)

The annual psychological examination prepared by the American Council of Education, was given to the Freshmen class by Dr. R.C. Sommerville and assistants Monday morning at 11 o'clock. This examination is given annually to all college Freshmen in the United States. Last year 20,000 students were examined. In comparing Lynchburg

College with other colleges, the local first year classmen usually rank well.

According to Dr. Somerville, head of the Education and Psychology department, the results of this examination are useful in comparing the local students with corresponding groups from other colleges. Dean McPherson uses the

individual records in his capacity as adviser to the students. Often the record has proved helpful in counseling a student in his studies. The examination does not give the "I. Q." or intelligence quotient of the student, but gives the relative standing of the individual, as good, fair, and poor.

Epsilon Cast of the Alpha Psi Omega Honorary Society Is Established (1925)

A Cast of Alpha Psi Omega Fraternity. National honorary dramatic society, will be installed at Lynchburg College in the near future as a result of action taken recently by the Expression Department.

Negotiations leading to this end were started about a month ago when the Expression Department appointed a committee to petition the Grand Cast of Alpha Psi Omega for admission into the fraternity. A petition was then sent in bearing the signatures of seven students eligible for

membership. The committee was notified last week that the petition had received favorable action, and that the Cast would be installed upon receipt of the initiation fees. These are to be sent in at once.

The seven eligible students, who will be the charter members of the local Cast, are Ada Belch, Kathleen Boyer, Cecile Davis, Elizabeth Tench, Harrison McMains, Louis Shearer, and Norton Smith. To be eligible a student must have played a major role in one long play or two one-act plays given by the

institution. A student is also eligible if he has written a play which has produced, or served as stage or business manager for two long plays. Other local students can meet the membership qualifications as a result of participation in the play "The Charm School" given by Expression Department last week. These students will probably be admitted into the cast immediately after its establishment.

The Alpha Psi Omega Fraternity is of very recent origin being organized

last year. The purpose of the Society, as stated in the preamble of the constitution is "to develop dramatic talent and the art of acting, to cultivate a taste for the best in the drama, and finally to foster the cultural values, which we believe dramatics develop, and to unite the dramatic forces of the several colleges and universities, members of this order in mutual brotherhood and service."

But four casts have been established during the one year of the fraternity,

located at Fairmont State College, Marshall College, Broadus College and Arcadia University. The group to be installed at Lynchburg will be the fifth and will be known as Epsilon Cast. It is understood that other colleges are applying for admission at the present time.

Problems Parking On-Campus (February 19th 2020)

Caitlin Dorsch
~ Co-Editor-In-Chief

In the past few weeks, there have been numerous emails by the Office of Campus Safety and Security's Director J. Robert Driskill regarding the parking issues on campus. The most recent email from Driskill stated, "Over the course of the last few months, University Security has received many complaints from non student residents of Ameli; St., Bell St., Lakewood St., and College Dr. as to the number of University First Year students parking the vehicles illegally on these city streets."

Third-year psychology major and Westover Honors College Fellow Amber Taylor said, "The parking issue has been long standing since the beginning of the building of Westover Hall. It is always

hard for my friends and family to find parking on-campus whenever they visit. This difficulty has become a safety concern, especially in the morning when everyone is rushing to get to class or in the evening when everyone is returning home from a long day."

The Office of Campus Safety and Security has worked tirelessly to maintain the protection of everyone who attends, teaches, works, or visits the University on a daily basis. Driskill's email went on to say that "These [parking] violations are [...] a safety concern of all residents." During an interview, Driskill noted that there is a "major confusion" about parking on-campus. He cited the building of Westover Hall and having to transport students from the Annex to campus in the beginning of the year as

a major cause of the current issues. In the attempt to satisfy aggravated students, faculty/staff members, and visitors, the campus has added more parking on Lakeside Dr. and adjusted the parking line positioning in front of the Turner Gymnasium. And, the campus has recently acquired the "New NEST," next to the "Old NEST" that is getting updated to allow for parking soon.

Deputy Director Dean Caifano added, "We are working closely with the University's Physical Plant and Grounds Department to help alleviate the issues surrounding parking. We've even changed the lighting around the main parking areas, like the NEST, to allow for a greater sense of safety while walking at night." Caifano also mentioned that "students, faculty/staff members, and



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visitors are always welcome to contact the Office of Campus Safety and Security if they ever see a suspicious person(s) or feel unsafe in any way." Both Driskill and Caifano stressed that every member of the Office of Campus Safety and Security "cares"

for the students, faculty/staff members, and visitors of this University campus.

From Westover hotel to Lynchburg College (April 9th 2003)

Rebecca Lythgoe
~ Critograph Reporter

The story of Westover Hall began long before Josephus and Sarah Hopwood bought the building to house what was then called Virginia Christian College. "Westover was modeled on a French chateau," alumna and history Professor Dorothy-Bundy Potter said. Specifically, the hotel built in 1891 was modeled after the Chateau Chambord. Designed by a New York architect, Westover Hotel, originally West Lynchburg Inn, had mixed success from the beginning. Library archives report the hotel was sold once before Dr. Hopwood bought it, although reports vary as to when the hotel was sold.

The hotel was built near mineral springs and had a variety of amenities to attract guests, including croquet, shuffleboard, tennis and bowling alleys, according to the Lynchburg College Library archives. Edmund Potter's thesis "Westover: The Changing Functions of a Resort Structure" states the hotel "became the victim of an economic depression and financial mismanagement." The hotel was auctioned off and Hopwood bought the property for \$12,500, according to Dr. Michael Santos, director of the Center of the History and Culture of Central Virginia and LC history professor. Currently Santos is working on a book chronicling the first 100 years of LC. The building was renamed Westover Hall. It stood four stories tall and was

constructed completely of wood.

The building was in the shape of a T, had two corner turrets and was encircled by three -levels of balconies and verandas.

Library archives stated that the building was the "largest French chateau ever seen in Piedmont, Virginia."

However, the hotel was not suited for being a yearlong place to work, study and live when Hopwood purchased it. The hotel was renovated to suit the college's needs.

Library archives noted that a steam plant was added to heat the building. The hotel's dining room was converted into a chapel, while the basement bar was turned into a dining room. The floors were altered to separate the sexes since the college was to be co-educational.

As the college grew and changed, Westover Hall was renovated to fit the role it needed to fill. Later, the large rooms became dining rooms and classrooms, the chapel briefly became a gym and then later a dining hall. The basement was turned into a recreational room suited for dancing. In the beginning years, Westover was the entire campus. -

Beginning in the 1930s the LC administration began to show disinterest in the founding building. According to Santos, there was a discussion of tearing down the two turrets, bricking Westover Hall and changing the name to Hopwood Memorial Hall. The lack of money made the plan impossible and Westover remained untouched.

It was "really a unique building," Santos said. But it didn't fit architecturally with the other buildings on campus



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that were all brick. By the late 1960s administration built Montgomery Hall to replace Westover and decided to tear the building down. The college administration felt that the building being an all-wooden structure was a fire hazard, too expensive to heat and cool, therefore, not an efficient use of the heating plant. It also required repainting on occasion, Santos said. Westover Hall was torn down in August 1970. "It took three whacks [from the wrecking ball] before the building even took a dent," Santos said. Alumni were extremely upset, Dorothy-Bundy Potter said. They had planned an alumni dance in Westover for October and were not told that the building would be torn down.

To the alumni, the building wasn't just another dorm. Although neither Dorothy-Bundy Potter nor Dr. Clifton W. Potter, professors of history and alumnus, lived in Westover, they said the building was very much a part of their college experience. Both had friends who lived in the building. Dorothy-Bundy Potter, who spent her four years at LC in Hundley Hall, regarded Hundley as only a place to sleep, while Westover was where she spent most of her time. She recalled the girls lying out on the second floor tin roof with a blanket and a water spray bottle sunbathing. They would take turns reading to each other from popular novels. Boys waited outside hoping to catch a glimpse of the girls in their bathing suits

when carpenter bees made the girls jump up screaming. "Walking in that building sort of made me decide to come here," Clifton Potter said. Today, Westover Hall lives on; alumni remember fondly the building that was so central to their college life. The mace that is carried by the college marshal at formal college ceremonies is made from a piece of Westover wood, Santos stated. According to Dr. Clifton W. Potter there has been talk among the alumni to lay a brick outline in the Dell where Westover Hall once stood. Right now, there is only the Westover Garden across from Snidow Chapel, alumni stories and pictures of the building to remember Westover Hall.

Lacrosse Off to Rousing Start (April 18th 1973)

By Marianne Petty
~ Guest Writer

Lacrosse is a spring thing and the Hornets got off to a rousing start on March 28, by defeating Randolph-Macon at R.M.W.C. with a score of 11-3, the goal honors were shared by Sherri Cable, Sue Spencer, Cathay, Ennis, Pam Griffing, Joyce Smolinsky, Ellen Burke, and even defense player Anne Ely. The defense proved their ability to work together by keeping the ball in offensive play for the majority of the game despite the adverse field conditions.

In a home match on April 6, LC again proved victorious by containing Longwood, 8-3. Going into the game plagued by illness among several

starters, the remaining team members pulled together and unflinchingly faced the quick running Longwood team to display their superiority.

On Tuesday, April 10, the LC teams traveled to Bridgewater for two games. The first squad was defeated 7-5 in an unfortunate game. Ahead 5-1 at the half, the team somehow failed to click in a bizarre second half snowstorm. Sherri Cable led the scoring with three goals and Joyce Smolinsky and Cathy Ennis scored one apiece. The second team was also downed by Bridgewater by a score of 7-0.

Lynchburg tasted its sweetest

victory on Friday as they defeated William and Mary, 10-4. Sherrie Cable was again high scorer with five goals. Joyce Smolinsky scored three and Cathy Ennis and Darlene Anderson each scored one. Anne Ely led the game with her outstanding defensive play.

Although in March many of the second squad were rank beginners, they adequately proved themselves as experienced and skilled players in their game against W and M.

Offensively the scoring was widely distributed; Ellen Burke with four goals. Sue

Ashwell with two. Barbara Clarke, Turie Townsend, Fay Brodell, Karen Leslie with one apiece.

Defensively the team used their speed and stickwork to hold the opposition to a long goal. The potential is defensively outstanding.



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College Receives \$3.4 Million In Endowment Gifts, Trusts

(January 15th 1969)

During December, Lynchburg College announced the receipt of three separate gifts totalling approximately \$3.4 million. The bulk of the sum was in the form of a \$2.5 million perpetual trust fund left by the late T. Brady Saunders, a long-time member of the College Board of Trustees.

Perpetual Trust

Saunders, a Richmond industrialist, died on November 30, 1968, and left half of his net estate in the perpetual trust fund. The First and Merchants National Bank, acting as the sole executor and trustee of the Saunders estate will direct investment of the \$2.5 million and release the income for use in the T. Brady Saunders Memorial Scholarship Fund.

College Vice-President for External Affairs, James E. McKinney, in announcing the receipt of the gift, said that Saunders' generosity will be felt by thousands of students...for generations to come." McKinney went on to say that the Saunders Fund was the "largest endowment in this form" to be received by the College. He also noted that annual returns will be \$100,000.

Capron Endowment

A second endowment fund, \$600,000 unrestricted gift, was given to the College

by Mrs. Marcia S. Capron, a member of the College's National Advisory Council and wife of John D. Capron, vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Percy N. Burton, a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, announced the Capron grant and said that it was the largest contribution ever received in the general endowment fund. The Capron gift will be added to the \$430,000 already collected or pledged to the College's endowments drive.

Matching Grant

In a separate announcement, College President Carey Brew disclosed that nearly \$306,000 had been raised by the end of the year to be used in construction of the \$1.1 million fine arts building. The announcement consummated the three-month fund-raising campaign led by David Hugh Dillard, Chairman of the National Advisory Council. Dillard's \$150,000 gift was the largest single contribution.

The successful completion of the drive qualifies Lynchburg College to receive a matching grant enabling construction on the facility to begin.

Dr. Brewer said that the College's architects, Clark, Nexseen & Owen, are currently working on plans for the new fine arts building and the College hopes to let



Photo of James E. McKinney, Vice President for External Affairs, announces \$2.5 million endowment gift.

the contracts on the facility soon.

The new building will house both the art and dramatic arts department and will include some studio space as well as a theater. The new facility will be constructed between

Hobbs Hall and Hopwood Hall and become a part of the center campus complex.

Following the announcement, Brewer noted that "This has been a remarkable year in many ways for Lynchburg College. We have made some

tremendous breakthroughs in our over-all development program. We received some of our most significant support in the College's history."