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To: Alumnae and other Friends

From: Wesleyan Alumnae Association

Alumnae Weekend gets closer and closer, with excitement mounting as letters arrive telling of plans for reunion at Alma Mater April 15 and 16. Many "old girls" will bring husbands, and a special invitation has been extended to high school daughters. A party is planned in their honor by students, with whom the visitors will spend Friday night on campus.

"Look Where We're Going" is the theme of the homcomeing, also the title of the skits Friday night after the picnic buffet on the Mt. Vernon Porch; it is the subject to be discussed by President W. Earl Strickland on Saturday morning, annual Alumnae Day. Tours of campus, candle lighting, old fashioned breakfast, and other events will delight the scores who return to "The Oldest and Best". New "student alumnae" will help as hostesses and guides.

Alumnae Awards to be Presented:

For Distinguished Service to Wesleyan: Elsie Lowden Maxwell '33, Macon; Jane Galt Bailor Ex '15, Atlanta. For Distinguished Achievement: Aurelia Cooper Evans '24, Perry; Emily Lawton '26, Macon; Jeffie Bennett Smith '22, Washington, D. C. Thelma Strickland, wife of Wesleyan's president, will be inducted into the Wesleyan Alumnae Association as an Honorary Member. Her daughter, Margaret Strickland Lovein '75, Macon, will light her candle.

Kitchen Karavan in Macon:

The Macon Kitchen Karavan is to be held Sunday, April 3, from 2 to 6 o'clock. Tickets are available at the Alumnae Office, from Macon alumnae, or at each of the homes on the tour. Baked goods will be sold in the Hinton Lounge of the Olive Swann Porter Building at Wesleyan. Mary Jo Fincher Plowden '68, is President of the Macon Club and Glennda Kingry Gandy '65, is Chairman of the Kitchen Karavan.

Freedom Foundation Award:

Dr. W. Earl Strickland, President of Wesleyan, received a 1976 Freedom Foundation Award for a Centennial letter published in the Macon Telegraph last year entitled "Celebration Has Come at Exactly the Right Time."

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Practical Experience in Work Fields:

Practical experience in work fields is being furnished to Wesleyan students so that graduates seeking employment will be equipped with more than a degree.

Field study credit, up to 9 semester hours, is offered (mostly to junior and seniors) so that they may try out career opportunities in areas not available on campus and thereby make decisions on a sounder basis.

Wesleyan students work in the Department of Family and Children's Services, as para-legal aids in the office of Georgia Legal Services, as specialists for government insurance at GEICO. Since January, four have been therapeutic recreational aids in the Pediatrics Ward of the Medical Center of Central Georgia.

"It is a sort of internship", said Dean Oscar Page. "Wesleyan has sponsored it for three years, with students and employers gaining from the program. We hope to place more in business settings, such as banking and manufacturing."

The program is arranged through the Academic Department under the direction of Dr. Charles D. Foust, chairman of the Education Department, and Dr. Judith Prince, director of Counseling.

Practicum is required of all education majors, during their entire college career, said Dr. Foust. They gain hundreds of hours of experience in the private and public schools of the area, including the RAF base, at the Learning Center and nursery on campus, also summers at Girl Scout and church camps. Special facilities in the county give opportunities to work with speech problems, mental retardation, and learning disabilities.

Glee Club Tour:

The traditional tour of the Glee Club was scheduled for Spring holidays: March 10, Thomasville, Ga.; 13, Mobile, Ala.; 14, Columbus, Ga.; 15, Marietta and Decatur, Ga.; 16, Marietta and LaFayette, Ga. Dr. Sylvia Ross is director. The girls sang with the University of Georgia Glee Club at Wesleyan on Feb. 20.

Commencement Speaker:

Dr. Elizabeth Tidball, Department of Physiology of George Washington University Medical Center (D.C.), will address the graduates Saturday, April 30 at 11 A.M.

Guest of Atlanta Alumnae is Dr. Paul Fuller, chairman of History and Economics, to speak April 29 at the home of Irene Sewell Hobby, '22; Jane Mulkey Green, '42,'43 is president of the Atlanta Alumnae Club.

In Memoriam:

Wesleyan mourns the passing of: Anne Winship Bates Leach (Mrs. Willaford R. Leach), of Palm Beach, honorary alumna of '72 and generous benefactress, on Feb. 14; and Sue Tanner McKenzie (Mrs. Harold McKenzie), of Atlanta, AB '16, former Alumnae Trustee and president of the Wesleyan Alumnae Assn. on Jan. 13. We offer sympathy to their families.

Executive Development Program:

Wesleyan's Executive Development Program, designed for women "on the way up in the organization", is set for May 8-13. Enrollment is limited to 30, and each applicant must be sponsored by her organization. Deadline for applying is April 15. The all-inclusive fee of $500 covers room and board on campus, instructions, and teaching materials.

Three semester hours of credit toward an undergraduate degree in business administration may be earned and may be applied toward a college degree. Wesleyan has a special admissions policy for women out of high school or college for four or more years. Dean Oscar Page will send information of the Academic Entry/ Re-Entry Program for Adult Women on request.

Seek Names of Prospective Students:

Nearly a hundred high school students from five states visited Wesleyan February 24-25 to compete for Wesleyan Scholar Awards. Debra Stockton, '73, herself a Scholar, now associate director of admissions, was in charge. Besides this 4-year academic award, Wesleyan also offers the Pierce Honor Scholarships ($1,000 per year) and the Freshman Honor ($500 per year) as well as talent awards in art and music. Sixty freshman scholarships were offered to the current Freshman class.

Alumnae! Send names of prospective students -- including daughters. Alumnae serve as models to young girls in their communities. It is critical to get in touch with 11th and 12th-graders who have had exposure to Wesleyan women.

Parties for Prospective Students:

The Atlanta area was entertained at the home of Caroline Malone Carpenter, with refreshments by Sally Shingler Currie, Anne Thornton Reynolds, and the '70's Group...Tampa area hostesses were Mrs. J. E. Ellis, Jr. (mother of Peggy Ellis, '77) and Sharon Smith Pizzo...The Chesterfield Smiths (Vivian Parker) were Bartow- Lakeland hosts with Dr. and Mrs. Strickland as guests. Mr. Smith is a Trustee. Pauline Mann Brennan also was hostess...the Columbus Club, with Marjorie Potts Durden, Helen Neal Baer, and Helen Clark Neal in charge, had a party at the Frederick Wilsons'. Dr. Wilson is a Trustee...Macon area party was tied in with Stunt rehearsal, and sponsored by the Wesleyan Alumnae Assn. and the Macon Alumnae Club. (Senior Tri-K's won SPIRIT and STUNT CUPS.)

NOW: News Of Wesleyan

The Wesleyannes, 14 students directed by Casey Thurman, will sing for the Washington, D. C. alumnae on March 19 at Evans Arm Farm. Librarian Tena Roberts will help chauffeur. Eileen Mullings Smith, '64, is arranging the meet, a Dutch lunch. President and Mrs. Strickland met with Washington alumnae last November.

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Prof. Norman McLean and his wife, Dolores, will be presented by the Morning Music Club of Macon in a concert March 21, 8 P.M., Porter Auditorium. On April 26 Edward Eikner, of the music faculty, gives a two piano recital with Garrick Ohlsson. Also coming: Carl Gilmer, organist, March 27, with workshop next day. Anna Kaskas, former Met Opera contralto, will give private lessons and a workshop, March 28-29. Linda Lane was piano soloist with the Memphis String Quartet March 8.

NOW

A trip to Russia is being sponsored by the Wesleyan Alumnae Assn., May 12-20. A Pan-Am charter flight from Atlanta and back, first class hotels, three meals a day, sight seeing, and theatre are included for $829. Ask your family and friends to see Moscow, Leningrad, and Suzdal with you. Call the Alumnae Office for details.

NOW

Seven one-act plays will be presented by the Wesleyan Theatre April 6, 7, 8 at 8 P.M. Porter Auditorium. "The Final Curtain", was written by Candy Muehlbauer (also directing); cast will include Jean Toner, Theatre Dept., and Dr. Carl Tenpas, Chem.

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The price of Wesleyan Wedgwood china will rise to $7 per plate, or cup-and-saucer, after Alumnae Weekend. Until then 4 units are $20. Order now! Postage and tax extra

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Send us your new address -- every returned piece of mail cost us 25 cents! Have you returned the Questionnaire in the January NOW? Ordered "The First Hundred Years of Wesleyan College" by Dr. Sam Akers? Send check for $15 for each book. Can you bring new or used pre-school children's books for the campus Learning Center?

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