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Lia Petraviskis Arrives In U. S. A.

Great Books Course Begins

College officials report a good enrollment in the two Great Books courses currently being offered as a part of the Queens College Adult Education Program. These courses, already under way, show an attendance of approximately fifteen in the Wednesday afternoon section and about thirty-five in the Tuesday evening class. The first course, which was offered in the evening last year, is entitled **Our Developing Western Civilization**. The second is **High Lights in World Literature**.

These courses are conducted on the discussion method with members of the Queens College staff serving as leaders. Cooperating on the Wednesday program are Dr. Blakely, Dean Albright, Dr. Corinne Green, and Miss Hull. Directing the Tuesday night class are Dr. Blakely, Dr. Green, and Dr. McCutchan.

Materials for the two courses consist of books long recognized by students as significant contributions in the fields of philosophy, religion, history, politics, biography, and literature. Those planning the program emphasize that the works selected are intended to be representative of the best and are not exclusive in their value.

Authors and works included in the two courses are:
Sophocles, **Oedipus Rex**
Aeschylus, **Agamemnon**
Homer, **The Iliad**
Plato, **Apology, Crito**, and parts of **The Republic**

Thucydides, **History of the Peloponnesian Wars**

Aristotle, **Politics**, Books I and II

Aristophanes, **Clouds, Frogs, Wasps**

Plutarch, **Alexander, Caesar**

Isaiah,

Job
St. Paul, **Ephesians**

St. Augustine, **The Confessions**

Thomas Aquinas, "On the Government of Rulers"

Dante, **The Divine Comedy**

Machiavelli, **The Prince**

Shakespeare, **Julius Caesar, Hamlet, King Lear, MacBeth, Milton, "Areopagitica", Paradise Lost**

John Locke, "Essay Concerning Human Understanding"

Pascal, **Pensees: Selections**

Thackeray, **Henry Esmond**

Goethe, **Faust**

Karl Marx, **Communist Manifesto**

Matthew Arnold, "Culture and Anarchy"

Ibsen, **Doll's House**, and **Hedda Gabler**

Tolstoy, **War and Peace**

Dostoevski, **Brothers Karamazov**

Thoreau, **Walden**

Tom Paine, **Common Sense** and **The Federalist Papers**

Valery-Radot, **Life of Pasteur**

Mark Twain, **Life on the Mississippi**

Edith Wharton, **Ethan Frome**

John Steinbeck, **The Moon is Down**

Home Economics Club Initiates

The Home Economics Club began its year's work during Orientation Week when it set up a model room which has since been changed to the Home Management House. Betty Ann Pyron and her committee deserve the credit for this interesting project.

The week-end of September 30—October 1 found two girls representing the Club at the Province meeting in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Judy Kinney and Virginia Easter report that a wonderful time was had by all with North Carolina leading in the number of representatives. The theme of the convention was "How We Can Tell When We're Doing Better Clubwork," and it was shown through four channels of thought-mechanics of clubwork; improvements of programs; improvements of publicity; and improvement of finances. The highlight of the convention was a speech by Miss Hovis, Dean of the Home Economics at the University of Tennessee. She used as her topic "Democracy's Unfinished Business," revealing how people must work in groups.

October 10 was a big day for the club as it was on that day that eight girls were initiated. These girls are: Beth Dobbins, Jacquie Davis, Dot Folger, Alma Hoke, Mary Anne Hamilton, Jane Mobly, Judith Rayburn, and Jean Powell. The members of the club have been given handbooks which reveal many new and interesting plans for the year. Margaret Barron edited the booklet and Helen Mallonee was art editor. The handbook was published under the title of HEC.

Freeman Speaks

Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman lectured to a full house in Ninniss Auditorium, Tuesday night, October 4, on the subject "Contrasting Youth—Washington and Lee." Dr. Freeman's address was the opening number of the current Concerts and Lectures series.

Speaking from an extensive knowledge of source material, Dr. Freeman contrasted the two famous Americans from the point of view of their personal appearance, their mothers, and their wives. On two points Dr. Freeman stressed a similarity between the two men in their youth. The first of these was rectitude in moral conduct which distinguished them from many of their contemporaries. The second was a devotion to principle as demonstrated in the detailed performance of small duties required of them.

Dr. Freeman, who was awarded the Pulitzer prize for his four-volume work on Robert E. Lee, is currently laboring on his life of George Washington. In addition to his work as historian and biographer, Dr. Freeman is well known as a teacher, editor, and radio commentator.

Chapel Schedule

October 21
Mr. Crandell, St. Peter's Episcopal

October 25
Dr. William Boyce, First A.R.P.

October 28
Helen Drennan

College Choir Begins Work

Whenever you pass by the Music Building, there is usually something always going on. From 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, the College Choir is busy practicing for their chapel programs and spring tour. The duo-piano ensemble work is fast gaining recognition; last year the duo-piano was very successful. If you want to know how it feels to play duo-piano, just ask some of the piano students.

Since the Queens-Davidson Little Symphony has started functioning again, we can look forward to exciting programs by them, such as last year when one of the foremost piano students was soloist with the symphony.

Mu Phi Epsilon, the national honorary music sorority, is going to play an important role this year on the campus. For one thing, the members of Mu Phi Epsilon are giving a Vesper program in November.

So sometime, just walk into the Music Building and listen. You might hear the mellow tone of the viola; or the majestic organ, a famous piano concerto, or an aria from a well-known opera. If you try hard enough, you can just forget you are on the Queens college campus.

Calendar of Events

October 21—First Freshman Week-end

Davidson Homecoming

Oct. 31—Nov. 5—Rush Week

Student En Route To Queens

The walls of 40 South will no longer echo only the voice of our little redhead Dot Folger; for her roommate, Lia Petraviskis, arrived in the United States yesterday, October 19th and will be here at Queens very soon. It will be only a matter of time now before all of our questions about Lia Petraviskis will be answered by Lia in person. Perhaps there are a few questions that can be answered about Lia before she arrives.

In her own words Lia says of herself, "I am born on the 14th of April 1927 as daughter of a businessman in Riga, Latvia. I learned in Elementary School at Riga until 1939. In 1939 I passed the examinations and entered to the 2nd Gymnasium of Riga studying there until 1944, when our native country was occupied by Soviet Russia and I fled together with my parents to Germany. I was forced to work until the surrender of Germany (May, 1945)."

Lia continued her studies in the autumn of 1945 and entered the Technical University at Karlsruhe in 1946. After 2 years there, she began to work for the International Refugee Organization in Nellinger where she has been until the present time.

Miss Petraviskis will enter Queens as a student in natural sciences in her sophomore or junior year. She speaks, reads, and writes Latvian, German, English, and French.

Lia has faced the strain and turmoil of war. She, as one of the displaced persons of Europe, has gone through much to come to the United States to study and to make her home here in our unscarred country. It is with open hearts that we welcome her to her new home on Queens College Campus.

Training Program Enters Sixth Year

The Queens-Charlotte Leadership Education program entered its sixth year with its 1949 fall program. The School of Religion is sponsored interdenominationally by Queens College and the churches of Charlotte. The purpose of the school is to strengthen the quality of Christian teaching in the community. This year the school will be open to all church members who want to know more about the Bible and the various phases of Christian living. The program presents a fine opportunity for guidance in spiritual development and Christian service.

This fall the School of Religion will be held at the Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church each Tuesday evening from October 25 through November 29. Every church member is invited to attend.

Positive Attitude

"Do you have the positive attitude?" It was with this question that the Orientation Committee greeted both new and old students upon their arrival on the campus. Many times since, the same question has resounded from the chapel platform, from the floor of house meetings, and on the campus itself.

June Patterson, President of the Student Body, explains that the question constitutes an attack upon negativism in any area of college life. "It is not," she says, "a 'new' philosophy, but a positive manifestation of a serious appreciation of values and genuine spirit of cooperation which have always existed on the Queens campus. It is the simple expression of the panel discussion by students and faculty of their aspirations for the coming year."

June goes on to say, "College life should be lived on a more mature level than is often maintained in small women's colleges. Too often students in colleges of this type are characterized by a 'get-by' attitude. Such an attitude toward study and social regulations often undermines both school spirit and the student's personal satisfaction in her own college experience. To replace such an attitude every Queens

student is challenged to accept individual responsibility in self-discipline.

"Rules should be regarded not as means of punishing offenders but as approved standards of conduct under which the greatest number of individuals may enjoy the maximum liberty and freedom from petty restrictions. Under the same principle class assignments come to be regarded as steps in the acquisition of knowledge rather than chores standing between the student and the required number of quality points necessary for class standing or graduation.

"Extracurricular activities are expected to take their proper place in the life of every student. Each girl has specific responsibilities in the program of the student body and of interest groups. At the same time no girl should become overloaded with activities to the detriment of one activity or her own study time.

"In a similarly balanced way students are encouraged to assume responsible parts in community activities, for example in local churches. In this way they will live a more normal life than if they restrict themselves to the 'tidy little enclosure' of campus' problems.

"The emphasis this year is on enabling each student to regard every area of her college life as a potential field for greater de-

velopment. Each individual is urged to devote those moments, frequently and unprofitably spent in complaining, to creative action."

The girls who served on the Orientation Committee this year were chosen on the basis of a particular responsibility that was theirs during the week. This committee included: Alexander, Murphy Alexander, Florence Ashcraft, Ann Bailey, Clara Barnes, Peggy Barrentine, Joan Baucom, Bonnie Blue, Nancy Blue, Janet Brunson, Mildred Butler, Betty Byerly, Shirley Byerly, Deanie Berryhill, Grace Marie Childs, Joyce Crosland, Marion Christopher, Birdie Crow, Cornelia Dick, Helen Drennan, Rainey Gamble, Iva Jean Gordon, Adalade Foil, Lucy Guion, Dot Folger, Babs Hamby, Mildred Hancock, Smoky Henry, Pat Keesling, Mayree Kay Ledford, Fay Langston, Doris Lawing, Sara Little, Maritza Linares, Virginia Love, Ochie Matlock, Eleanor Miller, Ruth Mitchell, Claribel Moles, Lorraine Murphy, Betty Norris, Wanda Oxner, June Patterson, Ruth Porter, Jeanne Seale, Suzanne Scheer, Nina Senn, Connally Smith, Dot Spencer, Bootsy Stafford, Rachel Stevens, Lou Ellen Thompson, Jeanne Walker, Mildred Wilson, Betty Mae Woods, Betty Wayne Williams, Ann Woodson, Belva Morse.