Archives of the CEDS Program in the 1990’s

Selected notes from the archives that reflect CE/DS student experiences and development of the CE/DS program during the decade of the nineteen-nineties.

** May 1990  
- The largest pool of degree applicants in the history of the program. More single and from out of state and other countries.  
- CE students and traditional students worked together in a Senate Task Force and the Woodland T stop was added to the MIT bus run.  
- A total of 24 CE students live on campus.  
- Financial aid for CE students was up from last year.  
- Of 32 students receiving diplomas, 31 were eligible for Latin honors, 16 received academic distinction. The average GPA of 1990 graduates is 3.43.  
- 20th birthday celebration of CE will be held on March 16, 1991. Mary Lefkowitz will be the keynote speaker. The naming of the CE program might take place then.

** 20 June 1990  
- Five dormitory spaces became available in the spring of 1985. 16 students were given housing in the fall of 1989.

** 16 March 1991  
- Twentieth Birthday Celebration of Continuing Education at Wellesley

9:00AM  
Registration and coffee in Jewett Arts Center  
Exhibition: the history of CE in photographs and clippings

9:45AM  
Welcome  
- Dean Bonnie Leonard

10:00 AM  
Panel discussion: "Multiple Paths of Women's Lives"  
- Maud Chaplin, Professor of Philosophy  
- Blythe McVicker Clinchy, Professor of Psychology  
- Robin Cook-Nobles, Psychologist  
- Jean Baker Miller, Stone Center Director

12:00 noon  
Lunch at College Club

1:15 PM  
Keynote address by Mary Rosenthal Lefkowitz, & Andrew Mellon, Professor in the Humanities.

2:00 PM  
Naming the Undergraduate Degree Program.  
- Elisabeth Kaiser Davis ’32 and President Keohane.

2:15 PM  

3:30 PM  
Champagne toast and birthday cake
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- Elisabeth Kaiser Davis Degree Program at Wellesley College.
  - "When she learned about CEstudents, Mrs. Davis was so impressed that she quickly offered her support."
  - "Mrs. Davis' main interest is in enhancing the quality of student life at her alma mater."
  - The Naming of the Elisabeth Kaiser Davis Degree Program at Wellesley College honors this devoted and caring alumna, whose ongoing concern and involvement enable the college to maintain its commitment to educating women of all ages.
  - 14 established funds made gifts in support of the CE program.

- 5 April 1992
  - An article about a Wellesley CE student appears on Boston Sunday Globe.

- 20 August 1992
  - Davis Program received much good publicity of varied kinds and it can be assumed that the program will have high name recognition.
  - The renovation of Cedar Lodge has started.
  - The Learning and Teaching Center is established.

- 30 September 1995
  - Susan Asher Calechman, Opening All Possibilities Campaign Kick-Off 25th anniversary of the CE/Davis Degree Program
    - The publicity launching of the Opening All Possibilities Campaign to raise $500,000 by December 31, 1996. $450,000 is designated for Davis Scholar financial aid and $50,000 is to endow a Davis Scholar student-based and student-run organization, Lifeline, which was established in 1992 to extend emergency funds and services to Davis Scholars.
    - The current tuition cost is $2,405 per course.
    - "Our participation in the campaign is one way to demonstrate that we are vital links in the chain of tradition that has bound one generation of Wellesley women to another; the past enables the present which in turn ensures the future."
  - Brochure for Opening All Possibilities campaign lists landmarks of CE’s 25 years
    - 1970: Eleanor R. Webster ’42 was named the first CE director and office space was designated in Sage Hall.
    - 1983: Bonnie Downes Leonard ’59 was named dean.
    - 1986: Wellesley committed to meeting 100 percent of demonstrated financial need for CE students.
    - 1990: Elisabeth Kaiser Davis ’32 gave $2.5 million to CE and the undergraduate program was named in her honor.
    - 1993: Dormitory facilities for CE students, for the academic year only, were established in Homestead. Cedar Lodge, a dormitory offering 12-month housing for use exclusively by Davis Scholars opened.
    - 1995: CE/Davis Degree Program celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary and launched a capital campaign to raise a half-million dollars.