Lafayette will never be the same.

After a year's study, the board of trustees decided last spring that it was time to reverse more than 150 years of tradition by letting the girls in.

While the exact date for the admission of women has not been decided, the board of trustees made three decisions during a September 13 meeting that moved the College closer to the day when girls will walk on the quad as students.

At the meeting, the trustees...

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Alumni Questionnaire

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approved the concept of a college of 2,000 students as being the most reasonable basis for developing the ultimate model. Under the plan, the College would admit approximately 1,100 to 1,500 men and 500 to 600 women. The trustees agreed to seek to reach a decision at their December meeting on the date for the admission of women. A decision in December would make it possible to admit women as early as September, 1970.

College officials also were given permission to appoint two consultants and a dean of women or associate dean of students to assist in the planning process during the coming year.

Last June the trustees approved in principle a faculty recommendation for the admission of women to the College. Administrative officials and the faculty were instructed to develop a program "as quickly as feasible." Administrative officials met throughout the summer to develop plans to implement the board's decision. Faculty members of the admissions committee and academic council established preliminary staff plans and a special trustee subcommittee worked with College officials. The resolutions were submitted to the board by Joseph A. Grazer '33 and Sumner H. Babcock '33, both members of the trustee subcommittee.

The trustees considered the opinions of alumni before they decided to admit women. Approximately 2,800 Lafayette men responded to the alumni questionnaire. Gary Evans '57, vice-president for development and director of alumni affairs, noted that "We had considered a scientific random sampling that would have been statistically representative of all our alumni, but we have decided that every alumnus should be given an opportunity to express his opinion." The opinions of those who responded were analyzed by the board before a final decision on coeducation was made.

The trustees, in the final analysis, based their decision to admit women on the following: 1. a desire that Lafayette should serve all members of society; 2. the overwhelming preference of the college-age population for the coeducational environment; 3. the fact that the admission of women would increase considerably the market from which the College selects its students and, 4. the belief that the admission of women would strengthen the academic and social programs of the College.

Frosh Arrive And Settle into Routine

Five hundred and sixty-five new students—106 freshmen and 400 transfers—ascended to College Hill on September 3. By sunset the next day they had not only moved in, but had met with their dorm counselors, joined in the Alma Mater to conclude a "welcoming banquet," broken bread at lunch with their faculty advisers, checked the president's hand, purchased books and attended their first day of classes.

The young men required to make such a rapid adjustment to Lafayette were instructed to try to remain on course. All freshmen were still on board at this writing. A review of their records indicated that generally they have always been successful in adjusting to the demands they have faced. Selected from 2,079 freshmen and 91 transfer applicants, they represent a mix of academic and personal accomplishment which bodes well for their years at Lafayette and beyond.

The typical member of the class of '73 will outrank five out of six of his classmates in secondary school, outscored 17 out of 18 of the nation's seniors on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and was accepted by two or three colleges in addition to Lafayette.

But the credentials of the new class go far beyond academic ability and attainment. Among them are 13 student council presidents, 13 senior class presidents, 33 publications editors, 108 musicians and 297 athletes holding 777 varsity letters, including 59 more captains. Parenthetically, 15 of the new students are sons of Lafayette alumni, a number believed to be of course, is the first "true Lafayette" class under the new plan, and 11 of them have fathers who were in the class of '50.

Composition reaction to the new class was rather removed, as always. Not about to be impressed by the secondary school credentials of the frosh, upperclassmen and faculty awaited hard evidence of the qualities which earned them the privilege of a Lafayette education.

Alumni Softball Team Moves From Rags to Riches

Complete this sentence: The Philadelphia Lafayette Alumni softball team has a history that would rival that of the amazing New York Men. The Lafayette men joined the Intercollegiate League of Philadelphia, one of the oldest softball leagues in the country, in 1964 and quickly had all the games they played but one. Even the Mets of eight years ago would have been embarrassed at such a dismal beginning.

But things have changed. This year, only five years after, the Lafayette men have upset the Philadelphia world by winning all their league games. They did so by beating teams that are so famous that one scarcely dares to speak about them aloud. For example, the Lafayette men have trimmed Princeton 5-3, dumped Dartmouth 8-3, flattened Yale 8-0 and scuffed Racquet-Cornell 17-4.

As Coach Joe E. Bell, Jr. '53 credits the success of his colleagues to the "truly superb pitching of Howie Youmans '53, who never pitched as an undergraduate, but who gained his skill with the help of a rubber ball, a young cattel wall and an understanding wife." The club also depends on the heavy hitting of Ed Morgan '53 (211), Don Smith '50 (555) and Andy Cook '53 (475). Other members of the team include Harry SPIva '55, John Kinnard '52, Ed Brunswick '58, Dave Miskel '53, Spencer Monteweep '58, Fred Was, Walt Mihaly '53, Marty Shane '53 and Dick Flood '54.

What about next year? Coach Bell is optimistic although he will lose slugger John Kinnard, who will make his way for a surfboard and find his way for Hawaii for a year.
Meyers Combines Medicine, Acting; Leads Busy Life

There are many doctors and many more actors. But very few people are both. Michael Meyers '68 may be an exception.

Meyers has already tasted success as an actor. He received wide acclaim for his portrayal of Ron Patimkin in "Goodbye, Columbus." At the same time, he is studying medicine at Jersey City Medical College and hopes to become a doctor.

How did such a conflict of interests occur? Coincidence, of course. Meyers just happened to be going to a wedding rehearsal of a friend in the Plaza Hotel in New York, and he just happened to get lost, and he just happened to run into Larry Peerce, cousin of the bride, who was also lost. Peerce just happened to be director of "Goodbye, Columbus."

It sounds like one of the great star "discoveries" of the past, but Meyers just happened to be the type Peerce was looking for and Peerce asked Meyers to come to the studio for a screen test.

Meyers' first reaction was "You're kidding!" Finally, he did decide to go to the studio to try for the part.

"I told him I'd be driving a truck for my father, but that I could stop by around 2 p.m. because I had a delivery in the area," he said.

"I double-parked this big truck out with Neet and asked a guard to watch it. I told him I had to go up to the director's office," Michael laughed, "and I know he didn't believe me."

As the time, Meyers was wearing a pair of faded "duds" and a Lafayette T-shirt, no less. Little did he know that the outfit was exactly the same as the outfit Ron Patimkin, the main character in "Goodbye, Columbus." The only difference is that Ron Patimkin wears an Ohio State T-shirt.

Both boys were recent college graduates who had played basketball during their college careers. And, both boys also drive trucks for their fathers.

Michael decided to sign a contract only if his role would be completed before he started medical school in the fall. Both director and producer agreed and Meyers was added to the cast.

During the summer Meyers held a total of four jobs. He drove a truck for his father, gave tennis instructions, was a New Rochelle Hospital volunteer, and completed filming "Goodbye, Columbus."

"The last day of filming was on a Thursday. I picked up my cadaver the following Tuesday with 80 other students," Meyers said.

Then Michael was in another world - the world of medicine. "It was difficult to keep switching back and forth between Michael Meyers, struggling young medical student, and Michael Meyers, smash hit actor," said Meyers. "For example, at the preview everyone was talking about flying out to California the next day - I kept thinking about the urine analysis I had to run the next day and the physiology I had to study before an exam."

The big question for Meyers now is whether he should continue with medicine or acting, but he feels that he doesn't have to decide right away.

Who knows, maybe, if he puts off the answer long enough, he will turn out to be one of those few who can be both a good doctor and a good actor.
Alumni Calendar

Alumni will be mailed detailed information concerning programs scheduled for their areas.

Boston Area
Nov. 7-Lafayette-Vermont football weekend Burlington, VT; Phone Donald R. Dibble '33, 617-829-3800.
Lehigh Valley

Lehigh Valley
Oct. 25-Alumni Homecoming tailgate picnic on March Field at 12:00 noon.

Metropolitan New York
Uptown Luncheon Group meets third Wednesday of each month at Park 100 Restaurant, 100 Park Ave., 12:15 p.m.

Morris-Essex
Oct. 25-Alumni Homecoming tailgate picnic on March Field at 12:00 noon.

North Jersey
Nov. 7-Annual dinner for area guidance counselors. Phone William McDowell '37, 609-814-8065.

Philadelphia
Weekly luncheons meetings, Poor Richard Club, Jonquille & Locust St. 12:15 p.m.

Alumni To Return; Homecoming Set For Oct. 24-25

Homecoming 1969 will be different! The usual activities—football game, picnics, etc.—are still intact, but for the first time in the history of the College the homecoming committee has started the machinery moving that will eventually make the traditional fall weekend the major event of the fall season.

Roland Brown '49, homecoming committee chairman, and his colleagues hope to involve students in the events of the weekend and to improve the homecoming program until it becomes as important to alumni as spring reunion weekend.

Homecoming 1969 is the first step in that direction. The weekend will include a variety of activities designed to keep alumni busy, happy and involved in the life of the campus. The weekend will revolve around two major events: the Lafayette-Bucknell football game and the dedication and naming of the new biology building.

The weekend will officially begin on Friday, October 24 with morning and afternoon symposia on "Pollution and Public Policy." The faculty will join panels of legislators and other experts in a discussion of the problem of pollution in America.

U.S. Senator Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, who is currently the favorite to replace the late Senator Everett Dirksen as leader of Senate Republicans, will top the day with a lecture on pollution at 8:30 p.m. in Colton Chapel.

On Saturday, October 25, H. Keffer Hartline '23, winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine for 1967, will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the new biology building.

A large tent on March Field will be available for those who want to picnic. Lunch will also be served in Marquis Hall where alumni will have an opportunity to meet and dine with students.

Alumni also may want to attend a score match between Lafayette and Swarthmore. The match will begin at noon on Metzger Field, the College's new outdoor athletic complex.

The football game is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. After the game, alumni are invited to a picnic under the tent on March Field. A special musical program is planned.