THE PENNOYER BELL

Two years after this year’s senior class first moved into the renovated McKinlock Hall, Leverett’s shiny new building has become familiar to the countless students who live and eat within its walls. However, this coming semester brings with it a surprising new addition to McKinlock’s courtyard: the Pennoyer Bell. The sudden appearance of this small bell, hanging from a timber bell-frame in McKinlock Courtyard, has already caused much confusion among longtime residents of Leverett.

In fact, the Pennoyer Bell has been a resident of Leverett House since 1945, and it is only returning from a short period of hibernation brought about by the recent Leverett renovations. The bell, created in 1790, originally resided in the schoolhouse of a small English village called Pulham St. Mary. This school was funded for years by philanthropic bequest left by William Pennoyer, a wealthy 17th-century London merchant who also funded several scholarships and fellowships at Harvard.

The small bell eventually found its way to Harvard when the daughter of a former Pennoyer scholar, Grant Palmer Pennoyer, visited the Pennoyer school in Pulham St. Mary in 1945. When Virginia Pennoyer revealed her identity to the schoolmasters, they offered her a bell. Though she initially turned down the offer, her father was amused by the prospect of a bell traveling across the pond, and he wrote the head of the school to accept the gift. Pennoyer then gave the bell to Leverett House, as John Leverett had been one of the earliest beneficiaries of the Pennoyer scholarship.

The Pennoyer school lives on in the form of the Pennoyer Centre, a charitable organization located in Pulham St. Mary. More information about the Centre can be found at its website, www.pennoyers.org.uk.

Upcoming Events

9/20 - 7:00PM Lev Yoga (LIBTHTR)
9/20 - 8:00PM All House Specialty Tutor Study Break (GHUTCH)
9/22 - 5:00PM Not Just Sherry Hour
9/27 - 7:00PM Lev Yoga (GHUTCH)
9/27 - 8:30PM Open House - Monkeybread!
9/29 - 5:00PM Not Just Sherry Hour
9/30 - 12:00PM Leverett House: Old Library Luncheon (LIBTHTR)

Leverett IMs

Tennis:
Sun 18th, 11:59pm vs. Dudley

A Volleyball:
Tue 20th, 7:30pm vs. Quincy

Soccer:
Wed 21st, 8:15pm vs. Dunster

Ultimate Frisbee:
Thu 22nd, 7:30pm vs. Eliot

B Volleyball:
Thu 22nd, 8:30pm vs. Adams

Tennis:
Sun 25th, 11:59pm vs. Quincy

A Volleyball:
Tue 27th, 7:30pm vs. Dudley
Leverett Towers Happy to Host Students Again

Leverett F and G tower expressed relief at the return of college students for the fall. “Sometimes, when you are only half full and all those students are doing research or other things for the University, you only have G to talk to,” says Leverett F tower. “G is great, he’s my brother and I love him, but ‘familiarity breeds contempt’ you know?”

Leverett F tower also mentioned the lack of personal space made acute by the growing temperatures and nice weather. “In the winter, we want to be close together because its colder and the weather generally is bad. But in the summer, I want to go out with my friends, see other buildings in the area, catch up with McKinlock, and the rest, but G just wants to stay still.”

Leverett G tower defended his sedentary lifestyle by discussing all the summer jobs he had to complete. “F has always been more of a social building. I enjoy hosting students and just relaxing with my beautiful southern view of the Charles and eastern view of downtown. F doesn’t understand because he really can’t see downtown.”

G tower also claims the students prefer his building to F, going so far as to say that F tower is jealous of his common room and workout space. “I mean, who wouldn’t be? I don’t like to bring it up, but sometimes I know F tower looks at me and wishes he could swap the mail room for the gym. I can’t help that I was created with the gym. He needs to get over it.”

McKinlock wisely stays out of these discussions, but wants to emphasize he loves both his cousins “equally”.

REASONS TO BE EXCITED FOR BEING BACK ON CAMPUS

- Classes
- Friends
- Bottomless soda machine

Welcome back!

- The Hare Today Team