

### **ICASSI 1999 Wheaton College, Boston, Massachusetts, USA**

The thirty second Rudolf Dreikurs Summer Institute was held again in the United States, after an absence from the North American continent of five years. The setting was Wheaton College, Norton, situated about 35 miles south east of Boston, and 15 miles from Providence, Rhode Island.

Wheaton College is a co-educational liberal arts college founded in 1834. The campus features 26 major buildings, beautifully landscaped with trees, lawns and a large lake in the center.



Bloc 1 and Bloc 4 were held at the modern Watson Fine Arts Center. After Bloc 1 the participants took a short walk to the Meneely Hall Building for their courses; some classes were accommodated at the Mary Lyon Hall, one of the historic buildings on campus.

We had excellent food for lunch and dinner in the large traditional style dining room with a beautiful wood paneled interior, called Emerson Dining Hall. We could take our coffee or tea after the meal outside in the wonderful courtyard.

Participants could use the indoor sports facilities and the swimming pool, courts for tennis, basketball, and volleyball.

In the evening we met in the Balfour Hood Bar to talk, drink and dance. Some preferred the nice breeze in the warm Boston summer near the peacock pond. In the weekend we enjoyed trips to downtown Boston and for whale watching or to other beautiful places in the landscape around



Wheaton.

We had wonderful teachers with excellent classes and a great experience living Individual Psychology. To mention but a few some of the very remarkable faculty members and classes were: Oscar Christensen with his Open Family Center, Leo Gold with his Dream Interpretation, Claire Hawes with her Marriage Counseling, Norma Lou McAbee with Art Therapy, Richard Kopp, Mim Pew, Tim Evans, Edna Nash, and of course, Eva Dreikurs Ferguson and her Adlerian Psychology in the Workplace.



The ICASSI office was run by the administrator Gordon Millar, Betty Haeussler and Bettina Bildhauer who helped the participants and staff with everything they needed.

This ICASSI will also be remembered for its heat wave where temperatures went up to 103 F (40 C) which did understandably create a challenge for those in accommodation that did not have air-conditioning.