

# **Guide to the Sandra Lasdon Scrapbook RG 9.10.2**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Sarah Lawrence College Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Lasdon, Sandra, (Lasdon, Sandra Estelle Rubin), 1932-1995
<b>Title</b>	Sandra Lasdon Scrapbook
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1962-1969
<b>Extent</b>	2.0 linear feet 1 flat box
<b>General Physical Description note</b>	All items in the scrapbook pages are taped down and could not be removed without damage to the original. Therefore, scrapbook is kept intact despite some rusting of the binder rings.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Mixed materials [Box]</b>	1

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## Biographical note

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Sandra (Sanny) Estelle Rubin Lasdon was born on June 1, 1932 in New York City to Helen Stark Rubin and Milton K. Rubin. Sanny and her younger sister Barbara (Bobbe) grew up first in Brooklyn, and then when Sanny was in the 7th grade, they moved to Scarsdale, New York. At Scarsdale High School, Sanny she starred in many drama productions. At 18, after a year at Bennington College, she went to Los Angeles to do a screen test with her cousin, the director George Cukor, but, like her friends who were also getting married at a young age, she ran back to New York to marry her prince – Lloyd Lasdon. Her relationship with George would continue throughout her life, though, with mutual respect and love and a long correspondence. Leaving college, Sanny married at 19, had daughter Laurie at 21 and son Douglas at 23. She was the definition of the stylish '50's housewife. Sanny developed Multiple Sclerosis during her second pregnancy, but it was never discussed.

In 1962, Sanny applied to the Center for Continuing Education at Sarah Lawrence College. She knew about it from two friends – Margie Miller and Ruthie Siegel - who had graduated from there. Sanny changed. She blossomed from suburban housewife to intellectual.

Sanny's MS never deterred her. She received her B.A. from SLC in 1967 and continued at SLC to get her Master's degree in Film History, working with Bill Park. In 1968, Sanny created a film on the first years of the Center for Continuing Education.

At the age of about 45 she started to walk with a cane. By about 50 she was in a wheelchair and passed away at the age of 62 in 1995.

[This biographical note is an abridged version, with minor additions, of a biography written by Lasdon's daughter, Laurie Lasdon Marshall, in 2012. The complete biography by Marshall can be found with the scrapbook.]

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## Scope and Contents note

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The Sandra Lasdon scrapbook documents the experiences of one of the first students at the Sarah Lawrence College Center for Continuing Education. The scrapbook begins in 1962 with a map of the College and a letter from Esther Raushenbush, Founder and Director of the Center, awarding Lasdon 43 points of credit for work done before coming to Sarah Lawrence. The book continues chronologically to 1969 with a letter from Esther Raushenbush again, thanking Lasdon for contributing to a gift. Included are form letters from the Center, invitations, newspaper clippings, photographs and contact sheets of Center students, faculty and staff, letters from faculty, commencement materials for Lasdon's graduating year, 1967, and a copy of Lasdon's degree. In addition, are numerous telegrams, cards, notes, and letters

congratulating Lasdon on receiving her degree. Loose materials and a biography written by Lasdon's daughter (and donor of the scrapbook) are foldered along with the scrapbook.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Sarah Lawrence College Archives 7/2012

### Conditions Governing Access note

The scrapbook is open without restriction.

### Acquisition note

The scrapbook was donated to the Sarah Lawrence College Archives by Sandra Lasdon's daughter, Laurie Lasdon Marshall '71, in the 50th anniversary year of the Center for Continuing Education, 2012.

### Existence and Location of Copies note

The scrapbook was scanned in color as a PDF, which is also available as a digital object.

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## Related Materials

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### See also

PDF color scan of the scrapbook.

### Separated Materials note

Originally included with this accession was a black and white 8x10 photograph of William Park with director, George Cukor in 1977. The photograph is housed in the Photograph Collection - Events - Lecture by George Cukor. Also included in the accession, but housed separately are two Super 8 film reels and one 7 inch reel-to-reel recording. The Super 8 film reels are Lasdon's Center for Continuing Education film from 1968, without sound. The reel-to-reel recording was an audio recording by Lasdon of a Joseph Campbell seminar on May 8, 1968. These are housed in the Audiovisual Collection.

## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Sarah Lawrence College. Center for Continuing Education.

### Personal Name(s)

- Raushenbush, Esther

### Subject(s)

- Continuing education -- United States.
- Women--Education (Continuing education)

## Collection Inventory

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	<b>Box</b>
Scrapbook 1962-1969	1
Marshall, Laurie, (Marshall, Laurie Lasdon) Biography 2012	1
Loose Materials 1967-1968	1