

# Women's Student Government Rules Apply To Hours, Drinking, Permissions

Women on the Penn State campus are governed by rules set up by the Women's Student Government Association, with violations punishable by restriction of the student's privileges.

Upperclass women have 10 o'clock permissions every weekday from Sunday to Thursday. Friday and Saturday evening they may stay out until 1 a.m.

Freshman women must be in the dormitory at 9:15 p.m. weekdays, but on weekends each may have a 10 o'clock and 1 o'clock permission.

### Special 11 O'clocks

Four special 11 o'clock permissions are granted upperclass women each semester, and may be used for going to the movies or entertaining out-of-town guests. Two special 1 o'clock permissions are given to students who are returning to the campus from out-of-town points on late buses or in cars.

When a woman student is leaving her dormitory on weekend evenings or is leaving the campus at any time, she must sign out in the office of her hostess. Time of departure and her destination must be indicated on the sign-out sheet. Upon returning, the coed must sign name and the time she came in.

Upperclass women must stay within a 20-mile radius of the College. Special extensions of hours are given to students who are taking part in approved ex-

tracurricular activities, such as Collegian or Players.

Only special 11 o'clock permissions will be granted on week nights and special 2 o'clocks on Friday and Saturday nights.

Women students are forbidden to drink under rules of both the College and WSGA.

### Blackmarks

Minor infractions of rules will result in "blackmarks," given for failure to sign in or out, untidy rooms, extreme noise, and four-minute latenesses on 10, 11, or 1 o'clocks.

Three blackmarks during the same semester can result a "lenten campus," meaning that the coed may not date from 5:45 p.m. Friday until 8 a.m. Monday, with weekday hours the same as usual.

### Strict Campus

A "strict campus" is given for misusing late traveling permissions, not signing out for out-of-town visits other than home, or leaving the dormitory before the opening hour of 7 a.m. The penalty includes being in the dormitory by 5:45 p.m. each day, no dating, not leaving the campus, and not receiving phone calls.

The most serious offenses, such as drinking, will bring an indefinite campus, in which case the woman is put on probation until the dean of women reviews her case.

# Judicial Tries Violations Of Women's Rules

The Judicial committee of Women's Student Government Association interprets dormitory regulations and WSGA rules and punishes women who break these rules.

Each woman who violates a major rule is brought to trial, where she may present her case. The committee hands down a decision after considering the offense, the defense that has been given, previous offenses, and the defendant's attitude.

Minor violations have specific penalties and offenders are notified by phone calls when their punishment will begin.

### Record Infringements

Infringements are recorded by checkers in each living unit, who are appointed by the College. Each week they turn in reports to Judicial so that it may determine punishments.

There are eight members on Judicial: a chairman and a secretary, and six other representatives from the junior and senior classes. They are appointed by the retiring Judicial chairman and the WSGA president, subject to the approval of WSGA Senate and the dean of women. This year's Judicial chairman is Gay Brunner.

All offenders who appear before Judicial will not necessarily receive punishment. If a woman feels that her punishment in housing offenses is unjust she may appeal to the WSGA Senate.

# Coed Government Uses Three-Branch System

Women's Student Government Association includes all women at the College and gives an opportunity for them to express their views, while providing a regulatory government body.

WSGA is organized in much the same way as the federal government. It consists of three branches, executive, legislative, and judicial, with the legislative also subdivided into a House of Representatives and a Senate.

Senate members, elected by popular vote of all coeds, are chosen in the Spring and form the top body of WSGA. Nominees must have a 1.5 average, an outstanding activities record, and no major record before Judicial. Meetings are held each Thursday in White Hall and are open to women students. The dean of women and an assistant act as advisers.

The House of Representatives, which includes delegates from each living unit and sorority, is presided over by the WSGA vice-president. Requirements for membership are similar to those of the Senate, and a representative of the dean of women's office is an adviser.

Meetings in the living units are held periodically to inform women what is being done in the House. Complaints can be voiced through representatives.

Freshman women have their own Freshman Council to which suggestions for changes in customs and regulations may be brought. It also assists in disciplinary matters concerning freshmen. Council members include the sophomore senator, as chairman, and living unit representa-

tives. The Freshman Customs Board, which tries violators of WSGA customs and regulations and punishes them, is composed of four to six sophomores and a member of Judicial. The Judicial committee enforces regulations among upperclass women.

Transfer students are oriented by members of the Junior Service board. These girls are appointed as sophomores by Senate.

Women's government at the College dates back to 1910, and has been recognized officially since 1915. The present bi-cameral system has been in effect since 1920.

Present officers of WSGA are Barbara Sprenkle, president; Virginia Miller, vice-president; Anne Forrest, senior senator; Barbara Klopp and Mary Jane Woodrow, junior senators; Joan Hutcheon, sophomore senator; and Robin Brunner, town senator.

"Pop-in Nights" designed to acquaint new students with upperclassmen are sponsored by WSGA. On a certain Sunday night, upperclassmen will visit new students in their living units, and the following week the visit is returned.

## Coed Corner

By DEANIE KREBS

Penn State at last! For weeks new coeds have been examining, buying and mending clothes. You've been hearing tales about this "country club" where the men outnumber the women, and a coed's life is just one mad, gay whirl.

**NOW YOU'RE HERE** collecting books, pamphlets and lots of advice. Dormitory regulations are announced. There are rules, rules, and more rules. Those who are living in dorms for the first time may begin to wonder if they're at Penn State or the state pen. However, you who've spent a year at a teachers college no doubt will feel as though you're paroled for good behavior.

Most of the rules here are reasonable. Even those which seem silly, such as the "no talking out of windows" and "radios off at 11:15" laws, usually have the purpose (sometimes it's a little obscure) of boosting the reputation of Penn State.

**ALL NEW STUDENTS** have heard tales about State's fraternity parties, and of course the girls are looking forward to attending as many as possible. These parties may be divided into two groups—open and closed. Open parties are simply those which any couple may attend whether the boy is independent, a member of another house, or a brother. Closed parties are limited to members of the house and their guests.

On ordinary weekends, fraternities hold little informal gatherings. (These formerly were called "beer parties", but with the bar ban perhaps the name will be changed.) Friday nights those casual jersey or corduroy dresses are perfectly suitable, but Saturday night is the night for heels and special date dresses.

**PENN STATE HAS FOUR** big weekends each year. These consist of a whirl of events beginning with an all-College dance Friday evening and ending with a tired coed Sunday night. Fraternities and independent men alike plan picnics, parties, costume balls and other activities for Saturday and Sunday. Name bands are featured at the dance Friday night which may be the Junior prom, Military ball, Panhel-IFC ball or the Senior ball. The Military ball is the only dance which is strictly formal and admission is by invitation only. Members of Army, Navy and Air Corps ROTC are issued invitations.

Big weekends are fun, but along with them comes the bane of every coed's existence—imports. Imports are those charming young creatures from home that may be invited by your favorite date for a gay State weekend. These immigrants are subject to WSGA rules. Dates for ordinary weekends

# Leonides, Philotes Provide Leadership For Independents

All independent women attending the College are members of Leonides, major independent women's organization on campus. Philotes, women's social organization, chooses its members from the independent women.

The 1948-49 Independent Women's Organization was reorganized as Leonides with officers of the former organization acting as

advisers to the existing one. Fostering a closer relationship between independent women, insuring equal representation in student government, and providing better social and athletic opportunities are primary purposes of Leonides.

The group participated in Orientation week last Fall and had frequent informal mixers with the AIM.

### Leonides Council

The Leonides council is composed of representatives and alternates who are elected from 33 women's units. Meetings of the council are open although coeds attending who are not representatives have no voting power. At present the council is planning to

probably will be no problem at all (that is, if Uncle Sam doesn't interfere). Don't feel overconfident. It's the girl who's friendly to everyone all the time who finds herself enjoying every minute at Penn State. The one who lets her sudden popularity make her conceited may spend the evening of the Junior prom groaning about those "awful imports."

build up a scholarship fund for some needy woman to use for continuance of her education.

Officers of Leonides are: President, Joan Wentzel; vice-president, Doris Sher; recording secretary, Joan Burlein; corresponding secretary, Lolita Montjoy; treasurer, Helep Bartha.

### Philotes

Philotes was organized in 1937 to unify and bring together the non-sorority girls on campus, to broaden their role in social and academic life, to stimulate their interest in scholarship and activities, to help them acquire self-confidence, and to promote friendly cooperation with other campus organizations.

Though there is no definite limit on membership, Philotes usually consists of 45 to 50 women. Each is required to have an all-College average of at least 1 with bids being sent to future members by the organization.

Ruth Aaron presides over the group with Sally Klawnsman as vice-president; Dorothy Sten, secretary; and Mary Barbara Hardy, treasurer.

# Sororities Provide Coed Social Life

Nineteen sororities offer Penn State women unparalleled opportunities for acquiring social graces and enriching their college lives.

They are open to all upperclass women having 1.00 or 1.3 all-College averages. This year, upperclass women having deferred grades, but who had 1.00 all-College averages before the deferred grade was entered in the records also may be pledged.

Panhellenic Council has ruled that freshman women may not be rushed and has set up a formal rushing period for upperclass women during the present semester. The council also has ruled that transfer students may be pledged by sororities but may not be initiated until they have been on campus at least one semester.

Panhel, governing agency for sororities, is made up of two representatives from each sorority. The council establishes and enforces all rushing and pledging rules. The council, which meets twice a month, provides plans for the general betterment of sororities and conducts a sorority workshop. Panhel's president is Nancy George of Alpha Xi Delta.

Panhel's rushing program will begin with registration Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. of women desiring to be rushed by sororities. A second registration period by the sororities on Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 8 to 12 a.m. next

Monday. Open houses will be held 2 to 5 p.m. and from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Formal rushing by sororities will begin next Tuesday, Sept. 19, and continue until Friday, Sept. 22. During these days, the hours for rushing will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Following this rushing period, an "At Homes Sunday" will be held by the sororities Sept. 24 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Informal parties will be held from Monday, Sept. 25, until Thursday, Sept. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. Sorority coffee hours will begin on Friday, Sept. 29. The hours will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Preferential lists will be turned into the dean of women's office at 10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29. Rushes will sign their cards the same evening or the following morning from 9 o'clock to noon. Formal rushing will be completed with ribboning of pledges Sunday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m.

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