

Judicial Makes Coeds Toe Straight And Narrow Path

Students Proud Of Self-Imposed Rule

When Mother whispers her last words of advice to daughter and leaves her surrounded by luggage in her dormitory room, WSGA steps in and takes over.

Regulations governing women students are made by representatives of the women's student body and when these rules are violated, in steps the Judicial Committee, a student group.

Functioning as a jury, WSGA Judicial Committee is composed of two representatives from each class who meet weekly to hear violators' cases. Penalties are given according to precedent, seriousness of offense, and number of times the defendant has been apprehended.

Reports bearing names of women punished, type of penalty, and length of sentence are posted weekly in dormitories where violators live.

From the 1,350 women enrolled in the College last year, 260 cases were tried before WSGA Judicial Committee. Of these, 19 women were tried twice, and 6, three times.

Strictness of penalties ranges from a blackmark (five of these result in a lenient campus) to a strict campus of indefinite duration. For minor offenses one o'clock permissions are removed. More serious infractions are penalized with campuses requiring coeds to sign in an hour or two earlier and denying dating privileges for a specified time.

Strict campuses include removal of dating privileges, being in the dormitory for the night by 5:45 p. m., receiving no telephone calls, and not leaving campus during the penalty. For failure to indicate "riding" when the person signing out intends to drive outside State College, a one o'clock permission is removed.

Failure to wear customs may be punished by any of the above, by extension of customs, or infliction of stricter customs. These include wearing a green band around the head topped with a large green bow, all hair pushed behind the band and bow, wearing large name cards (about 12 by 5 inches) in plain sight, and wearing large posters, one saying "Caught," the other, "Dating."

Women's Government Combined With Men's

This is the second year that women are included with men students in the newly organized all-College student government.

Women are represented on the all-College Cabinet by presidents of WSGA, WRA, Panhellenic Council, and Philotes. This cabinet is immediately responsible to the all-College president and vice-president.

Organization of the Interclass Finance Board has been revived this year to include the incoming and outgoing treasurers of each class and WSGA instead of selecting representatives at random.

Under the constitution, separate governments of men and women students, various school councils, fraternity and independent men's and women's organizations, Student Tribunal, and activities groups are brought into the all-College Cabinet, yet retain their individual governments.

Judiciary Head



L. Eleanor Benfer '41 will serve as chairman of the WSGA Judicial Committee. Through this body women students in a large measure keep their own discipline. (See column one.)

Love! There's No Stopping It!

Campus romances—instead of being casually put aside at graduation—actually account for as many as half of the marriages of former women students, the College has revealed.

Out of 765 recent alumnae of the College who are now married, 53.24 per cent have Penn State men as their husbands. "Nearly all of the latter marriages resulted from friendships on the college campus, only a very few being the outgrowth of later acquaintance," said Dean of Women Charlotte E. Ray.

Miss Ray sent questionnaires to 1,752 regular session coeds who were graduated from Penn State between 1921 and 1935. Based on replies from 67 percent of them, her report showed that:

1. Two out of every three alumnae of these years are married, the totals ranging from 78.18 per cent for the class of 1925 to 49.42 per cent for the more recent class of 1931.

2. The percentage of those marrying Penn State men is fairly uniform from year to year, although for one class, 1924, it was unusually high, 71.42 per cent.

3. Nearly two-thirds of the married alumnae have children. The number runs as high as 84 per cent in one of the earlier classes and as low as 26 per cent for the last class surveyed. The biggest families were reported by the class of 1924, with 1.8 children per family, and the largest number of children in one family was seven.

4. Of the married alumnae, 17.61 per cent reported that they hold part-time or full-time jobs outside the home. This percentage was significantly lower for classes reporting the most children.

5. The leading occupation among the unmarried alumnae is teaching. Home economics ranks second.

The freshman chess team at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., is conducting matches via short wave radio.

Parties Will Occupy Fresh During No-Dating Weeks

Men's and women's honoraries will sponsor parties for freshmen on weekends of the first three weeks of no dating. Freshman women will attend by hall groups and freshman men will be asked at random.

The program follows:
Friday, September 20—Penn State Club

Saturday, September 21 — Mortar Board Cwens and Friars
Saturday, September 28—Alpha Lambda Delta and Druids, Skull and Bones and Phi Lambda Theta

Saturday, October 5—Philotes and Ellen H. Richards.

Where the parties will be held will be announced later.

40 Coed Debates Held Last Year

Convincing an audience, answering rapid fire questions and thinking logically are requisites for women debaters. Last year's squad of 12 coeds participated in 40 debates, parliamentary discussions and symposiums on basic blame for the European crisis, United States' foreign policy, democracies' place in averting the war, un-American activities, and the third term.

Meets were held with Allegheny, Boston, Bucknell, Cornell, Gettysburg, John Carroll, Loyola, Mount Mercy, Ohio Wesleyan, Oxford-Cambridge, Pittsburgh, Princeton, Randolph-Macon, Syracuse, Swarthmore, Ursinus, Villanova, Washington and Jefferson, West Virginia, and Wetsern Reserve.

Debates were mainly Oregon style consisting of a 20-minute constructive speech, 14-minute cross-examination, and six-minute summary for the affirmative with negative. Audiences could question speakers in open forums which followed.

Intramural discussions sponsored by Delta Alpha Delta, women's speech professional, are an annual feature in which sorority and club groups participate.

Freshman or transfer women interested in debating should see Clayton H. Schug or George W. Dougherty of the speech department.

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Coeds Automatically Join Recreation Association

WRA President



Marjory A. Harwick '41 will serve as head of the Women's Recreation Association to coordinate the many-sided sports program arranged for the College coeds. (See column five.)

Sports Clubs Active Under Central Group

Upon registration each coed is automatically a member of the Women's Recreation Association. Headed by Marjorie A. Harwick '41, other officers are Bernice M. Mauer '42, vice president, L. Eleanor Benfer '41, secretary, Betty M. Zeigler '42, treasurer, Helen L. Mazer '42, social chairman, and Ann T. Drivas '43, publicity.

These officers and the presidents of Archery, Dance, Fencing, Golf, Outing, Riding, Rifle, Swimming, Tennis, and Variety Clubs compose the WRA Board which plans women's recreational activities during the year. Officers are nominated by a committee of board members and faculty advisors and are elected by the coeds. Club officers are nominated and elected by club members each spring.

A coed may join only two sports clubs but may participate in activities sponsored by all. In addition to the individual program, each club is hostess at a Saturday night open house when badminton, bowling, bridge, dancing, refreshments, and swimming fill the bill.

The Intramural Board, headed by the WRA treasurer and composed of representatives from each sorority house, plans intramural competition in badminton, baseball, bowling, golf, swimming, and tennis during the spring and fall seasons.

Fraternity Booklet Mailed to Freshmen

The 47 men's fraternities are "telling their story" to prospective new members in the incoming freshman class by mailing them copies of a new 16-page booklet.

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