

Your WSGA— Behind The Lines

By LOUISE M. FUOSS '43
(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles in which the purpose and organization of the women's governing body will be discussed. Information will be taken, for the most part, from the recently revised WSGA constitution.)

The framework is about all that remains of the Women's Student Government Association as it was inaugurated on this campus in 1919, the same year that Susan B. Anthony and her "gang" were crusading for women's suffrage.

Even Miss Anthony, we feel sure, would agree that women on this campus have been successful in their fight for rights. WSGA leaders return from national and regional conventions to report that coeds from other colleges are amazed at the self-governing system in operation at Penn State.

The original Senate and House of Representatives have expanded to give every woman representation. Three new bodies have been added—Freshman Council in 1936, Judicial Committee in 1938, and Junior Service Board in 1939.

As women proved their efficiency they secured increased powers and prestige. WSGA was given a place on the All-College Cabinet and coeds serve on All-College committees.

According to the constitution, WSGA has a five-fold purpose: (1) to control matters of student life entrusted to the organization; (2) to increase the sense of individual responsibility among the students; (3) to help train themselves to be ideal members of the community; (4) to cooperate with the President and Faculty of the College; and (5) to maintain a high standard of scholarship and life.



HELPS UNCLE SAM—Dorothy L. Jones '44, WSGA president, stated last night that Cwens will open a coed canvass today for books and yarn to aid national defense.

Phys Ed Majors Top Frosh, 31-13

Freshman women lost to freshman phys. ed. majors, 31-13, in yesterday's basketball. Mary Longenecker tossed 23 points through for the phys. eds., while Estelle Brown was high scorer, with 12, for the freshmen.

Although sophomore basketball majors were going strong with an 11-9 leading score at the half, junior majors finally topped them, 19-17. High scorers were Pauline Rugh, with 8 for the juniors, and Charlotte Spangler with 7 for the sophomores.

Women's Building team two trounced Delta Gamma team two and Chi Omega won over Alpha Omicron Pi in table tennis, both with 3-0 scores.

A 449-411 bowling score put Phi Mu over Gamma Phi Beta last night. Scoring high were Betty Archer '44, with 107 for Phi Mu, and Lois Hunter '42, with 94 for Gamma Phi Beta.

Honorary Buys Bond

Alpha Lambda Delta, freshmen woman's honorary, will do its part in aiding national defense by purchasing a \$50 defense bond, Florence I. Jaffy '44, president, declared last night.

Emanon, local sorority, will entertain alumnae at breakfast at the Allenearest at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

**BUY DEFENSE STAMPS
AND BONDS**

We, The Women Petition System—

Credit And Caution

WSGA Senate's decision to adopt the petition system in making nominations and appointing committees is undoubtedly one of the biggest forward steps the coeds' governing body has ever made.

For years, women have had only a hazy conception of the way nominations and appointments were made because the system was inherently faulty. Most women entered student government work either by luck or accident. Far too often, coeds possessing both ability and interest never found the entrance.

The easy explanation—but, to our way of thinking, not the completely correct one—would be the old change of "sorority politics" and favoritism. But how were the 14 WSGA Senate members to know ambitions and abilities of 1,400 coeds?

It is to the credit of the present Senate that changes are being made. Under the new system, all coeds are invited to express their desire to serve in a particular capacity. Petitions, including information about other activities, All-College average, and previous experience (including pre-college work) may be given to hall or dormitory presidents, WSGA Senate members, or left at the door of women's office by February 20.

It would be impossible for all applicants to be nominated for major offices. However, all names will be filed for future reference in naming committees.

Probably the biggest factor in determining the success or failure of the plan will be the sincerity of the women who request positions. Before filing a petition, each woman should be positive that she has ability, time, and willingness to work diligently.

—L. M. F.

Survey Shows Coeds Ready For Future In All Fields

By M. J. WINTER '44

This is no longer a man's world, for many technical subjects have been invaded by at least one coed. In a survey of major courses taken by junior and senior women many have survived stiff grinds to work alone with more rugged males, striving toward chosen careers.

With men being drafted, there will be a place for these women in the world after graduation. Supplanting men in every industry, women skilled in non-technical, as well as more technical subjects, should be in demand.

The class of 1940 showed in a survey that 10 per cent were unemployed after graduation; in 1941 this figure dropped to two per cent. What the trend will be in the next few years cannot be determined, but with present conditions, the percentages ought to drop to a fraction.

From first semester files, since more recent figures are not available, of the 316 junior and 340 senior women, one senior is the only upperclass coed in the School of Mineral Industries, majoring in geology.

The Engineering School claims two senior women—one in architecture and one in electrical engineering, while one junior is studying architectural engineering.

Fourteen junior and senior coeds are enrolled in the School of Chemistry and Physics. One junior is majoring in chemical engineering, another in physics. The department of chemistry includes two juniors and one senior, while two from each class are studying science. One junior and four seniors are taking pre-medical work.

The classes of '42 and '43 list 15 in the School of Agriculture. Horticulture is being studied by

one senior; a single junior is in agronomy. There are two botanically-minded juniors; two in bacteriology, also a single senior. Agricultural and biological chemistry is the chosen field of four juniors and one senior. Three coeds are preparing to be medical technicians—two from the class of '43 and one who graduates in May.

Athletics seem to provide major interests for many coeds, for 23 juniors and 19 seniors are enrolled in the School of Physical Education and Athletics.

Education and Liberal Arts hold interest for the largest portion of coeds. Home economics ranks first with 105 juniors and 124 seniors; education—67 juniors and 95 seniors; psychology—seven juniors and six seniors; and nature education—one junior.

Arts and letters has 60 juniors and 56 seniors enrolled; commerce and finance—12 juniors and 9 seniors; journalism—17 juniors and 14 seniors; one senior in economics and one in pre-legal; and three juniors are majoring in sociology. There are two junior transition students.

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Red Cross Wool Awaits Coeds

"Coeds are now able to knit as well as sew for Red Cross, since woolen yarn has been obtained," stated Miss N. Anormallee Martin, home economics instructor, yesterday.

Instruction will be given by Miss Frances D. Eddy, graduate assistant in home economics, in the Red Cross workroom, 117 Home Economics, from 6:45 to 8:45 p. m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

Sorority Activities

Gamma Phi Beta will entertain dates at a party at 9 o'clock tonight. Betty Jo Patton '42, social chairman, is in charge.

Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained Delta Chi at the movies last night.

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