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Inner Sanctum?

The recent success of physical education majors' all-out recreational program for women suggests the possibility of expanding the project to include co-recreation for all students.

Password for the program's success has been attractiveness. Coeds who once refused to enter further than the first floor in White Hall have been drawn into actual sports participation. Co-recreation would be a bigger drawing card.

Other colleges and universities have tried and proved the value of co-recreational activities. Penn State stands almost alone in segregating men's and women's sports activities.

Speed-up the nation over in all phases of college life and work, bolstering student morale, and continued relaxation problems could be answered by co-recreation on this campus.

Men would not need to interfere with women's physical education courses. A co-recreation night once or twice a week would provide ample opportunity for campus-wide support.

In times of conservation, consideration of money spent for coke and movie dates might easily be devoted to worthier causes by a night in White Hall. Just as coeds dance together in lobbies, men and women could do likewise; just as coeds bowl in the bowling alleys, so could men; just as coeds enjoy plunge hours, so could men. Dressing facilities for men could be made from faculty dressing rooms.

Co-recreation nights could be supervised by men and women from the physical education department.

Coed groups frequenting White Hall may wail that having men present would discourage attendance. It would be an impetus in bringing men and women together, furthering friendships, fostering goodwill and spirit.

The first step in breaking down the walls of the White Hall innersanctum have been taken to coed advantage. Will the second step in humanizing the place be a co-recreational system?

—E. L. S.

Growing Pains

Eighty-three years ago this week there arrived here on bobsleds, following a 25-mile ride through snowdrifts from the nearest railroad station at Spruce Creek, a party of 69 ambitious boys to enroll in the first class of the new Farmer's High School of Pennsylvania.

These pioneers of 1859 had seen a vision, along with great leaders of that day, and were out to help the scientists determine how the tillers of the soil could better meet the increasing demands for foodstuffs which were made by the rapidly growing population of the country. The dormitories, classrooms, and laboratories were housed in the East Wing of Old Main and an adjoining building.

As time passed, the demands of agricultural and industrial leaders for a different type of higher education resulted in the passing of the Merrill Land Grant College Act of Congress which was signed by Abraham Lincoln on July 2, 1862. The Farmer's High School was renamed The Pennsylvania State College and designated as the land grant college of the state on April 1 of the next year.

If they were alive today, we wonder what those 69 farmer boys would say of the new Farmer's High School, which has done more than just grow from the original 200 acres of land to over 2,000 acres. Paraphrasing T. O. S. "We just grew!"

—D. S.

A Worm's Eye View . . .



Defense Courses And Stuff

Ferdy the measuring worm and Max the mock turtle are sitting behind a tree on the campus mall.

"There's too much war talk," says Max, spitting some grass-juice on the ground.

"That's silly," says Ferdy. "The more talking there is, the more you get done."

"The less talk the better," says Max.

"How so?" says Ferdy, chewing a twig.

"You should do, not talk."

"Yeh, but you gotta discuss the future so you know what's gonna happen."

"You can't know that anyway," says Max. "You have 'o stick to the job at hand, live for the moment."

"But you have to have a goal in mind, something to look forward to in the future," says Ferdy.

"The goal isn't important. The working toward it is. You work toward it in the present."

"There must be an incentive."

"The incentive is in the present pleasure of working," says Max.

"You must feel that something will soon be accomplished," says Ferdy.

"While you're doing, you're accomplishing," says Max.

"But what about hope, the looking forward?"

"The present is the future you looked forward to in the past."

"That sounds nice," says Ferdy, "but people are doing, as well as talking."

"What are they doing?"

"Taking defense courses and stuff," says Ferdy.

"Yeh," says Max. "I heard a couple of the coeds talking about taking a rifling course. It looks to me as if they're more interested in the pleasure to be gained from defense courses than from the practicality of taking courses for which they're really needed and best suited."

"Now, don't be harsh," says Ferdy. "It's not such a bad idea for a woman to know how to handle a gun."

"Yeh, but I think it would be better for her to take something she's sure she'll be needed for, like care of children or first aid."

"Did you sign up for a course?" asks Ferdy.

"Nope. Did you?"

"Nope."

"Then we'd better keep our mouths shut," says Max.

—PIX

Who's Got Whose Coat?

"To whom it may concern: I have taken your coat and hat which I will return when you return mine which I know you took. You can't have your coat till you give me mine."

This bit of whimsical sentiment is expressed in a notice on a first floor Sparks Building bulletin-board. The incident is old but this one has a new twist.

Many's the sophomore who's stumbled numbly out of his 9 o'clock on a rainy Tuesday, slipped on a nearby mantle and walked halfway home before realizing he was sporting a misappropriated camel's hair.

Ah the anguish, ah the remorse. And so he reads the Collegian classifieds for a week.

Well now as this particular faux pas stands, guy A's got guy B's coat and hat and guy B's (not to be outdone) got guy A's hat and coat. Consequently they're both out in the cold. Get together fellows. March winds ain't no zephyrs.

PSCA Brings Regional Head

Dr. George H. Menke, Regional Secretary for the Student Christian Movement will speak at meetings from tomorrow to Tuesday. His visit will be sponsored by the PSCA.

Dr. Menke received his bachelor degree at Hastings College, and Ph. D. degree at Yale University. He is secretary for the Middle-Atlantic region.

Co-author of "High School to College" he will attend the Wesley Foundation cabin party at the Ralph Watts lodge tomorrow. Sunday he will be the speaker at the Lutheran Church students' Sunday School.

Freshmen men's cabinet will hear the Christian Movement executive at the home of D. Ned Linegar at 7 p.m. Monday. Tuesday evening he will speak on "The Outreach of the Movement" at the PSCA Freshman Council and Forum joint meeting in the Hugh Beaver room.

Lepley Leaves For Army Service

Granted a leave of absence from the College to enter the army, Dr. William M. Lepley, assistant professor of psychology, has received a captain's commission in the service to assume duties concerned with the selection of air force personnel.

Dr. Lepley will leave Monday for Kelly Field, Tex. The department of education and psychology will hold a farewell gathering for the doctor and Mrs. Lepley at the new College lodge Sunday night.

Interested in aviation for some time, Dr. Lepley obtained his private pilot's license at the State College Air Depot in 1937. He has carried on research to provide better tests for trainees in the CAA sponsored Civil Pilot Training program.

Senior Ball

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a defense stamp book. When the stamps are purchased ribbons will be supplied. These will replace the traditional corsages.

Tickets for the affair are on sale, for \$3.85, at the Athletic Association window in Old Main Co-Chairman Thomas J. L. Henson '42 announced. Defense stamps and ribbons may be acquired at Student Union.

All profits of the dance will be turned over to some charity or defense organization. The percentages and organizations will be determined after the amount of profit is learned.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Senior Ball, Rec Hall, 10 p. m.
 Penn State Riding Club, open meeting, Home Economics Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.

Senior Engineering lecture, 121 Sparks, 4:10 p. m.

Ice Skating, Tennis courts, afternoon and evening sessions.

Students taking SCTD military sanitation and first aid are to attend the lecture on venereal diseases by Dr. James M. Flood, 121 Sparks, 7:15 p. m.

TOMORROW

Fencing Club meets, Body Mechanics Room, White Hall, 1 p. m.

Varsity Swimming, Syracuse, Glennland Pool, 2 p. m.

Varsity Fencing, Lehigh, Rec Hall, 2 p. m.

Varsity Boxing, Michigan State, Rec Hall, 7 p. m.

Varsity Basketball, New York University, Rec Hall, 8 p. m.

Wesley Foundation Cabin party, Ralph Watts lodge. Meet at Foundation at 2 p. m.

Ice Skating, Tennis courts, afternoon and evening sessions.

Ski lodge open, 1-6 p. m.

College Plans Home Management Confab

A conference in home management, with 19 Pennsylvania colleges represented, is being planned by the College. Although the exact date of the conference has not yet been determined, it will be held in March.

The two-day meeting, first of its kinds in the state, will stress home management problems during the war and the post-war periods. Among the principal speakers will be Dr. Paulena Nickell, head of the home management department at Iowa State College, and Dr. Clifford R. Adams, assistant professor of education and psychology.

The conference will open with a panel discussion on problems of management in the home as seen by an urban home maker, a rural home maker, a man student, a woman student, an extension worker, a rabbi, a sociologist, and a father.

All-College Sing Set For March

Plans for an All-College "community sing" to be conducted during March under the direction of Prof. Richard C. Grant of the music department were discussed at last night's meeting of the Student-Faculty Relations Committee.

According to Thomas C. Young '42, heading the College committee, the date of the sing will be set later. The program will be patterned after the summer sings that have been so successful during the summer sessions.

Riding Club Shows Movies

Capt. Gregory Gagarine, formerly of the Russian Cavalry, now riding master at Gear School, will be the commentator at a series of three movies sponsored by the Penn State Riding Club and open to the public in Home Economics Auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Friday. The movies which will be shown are "High Schooling of Horses," "Training and the Field Horse," and "Life at Fort Riley."

Officers Nominated

The following nominations have been made for offices in the Wesley Foundation: Grace Nesbitt '44 and Neal Burner '43, for president; vice-president, Richard Adams '44 and Ruth Hannigan '44; secretary, Margaret Campbell '43 and Esther Hall '43; treasurer, Ira Bell '44 and Harold Walchli '44. The yearly election of the Foundation will be held on Sunday, March 1.

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Senior Ball

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