

Coed's Place-- Not In Home

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles, based on reports from the national government, discussing available positions for women.)

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The old cry of "women's place is in the home" is past and gone.

Industry needs women. The government is paying four week's wages to 168,000 persons in pre-employment courses. There are 200,000 persons receiving instruction in supplementary service training. If you want an industrial job, here is what to do.

Contact the United States Employment Service which has branches in 1,500 cities and part-time service in other localities. This organization has taken over the old State Employment Services and current knowledge of available positions over the country.

Apply directly to the industry. Certain aptitude tests may be given, results of which may determine your immediate placement, or, perhaps, recommendation for specialized training.

United States Post Offices have constant streams of material pouring in, announcements of Civil Service exams, posters depicting need for women in specialized fields.

In industry, it has been found that women are more efficient than men in jobs requiring precision and dexterity. Processes needing expert skill are broken down into simple operations for which women can be quickly trained.

Women who are willing to start at the bottom and who have background training in personnel and engineering, including mathematics, drawing, elementary mechanics, will have no trouble in finding jobs. Private industry needs chemists, physicists, accountants, statisticians.

Pennsylvania School of Aeronautics in Harrisburg is offering three months of free intensive training with no educational requirements. They are accepting 40,000 applicants, half women, 100 being taken each week. Women will be trained in sheet metal work, instrument fabrication, parachute repair and packing,



BUILDS BONFIRE—Ann Drivas '43, WRA prexy, will present the intramural cup, three \$50 scholarships, and will announce All-College individual sports champions at the WRA bonfire and wiener roast on Jordan Fertility plots at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. All coeds are urged to attend.

High School Day

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cents has been made available for all High School students interested in the fourth annual presentation of the Penn State All-College Circus, entitled, "Penn State Revue for 1942." This feature will be presented at 8 p. m.

Hatmen have been requested by Donald W. Davis '43, general chairman, to make themselves noticeable on the campus to answer any questions of the visitors and aid them in locating buildings and walks.

Special window displays in downtown business houses have been set up to show the part played by Penn State in developing men and women for peace as well as war. The co-chairmen of this committee are Bernard A. Plesser '43 and Thomas R. Heidecker '43.

light welding. Those who take Summer training might qualify as supervisors or trainers after graduation.

Numerous other positions open to women in aircraft industry are production and planning, material control, ordering, labor control, aeronautical engineering, photography, etc.

We, The Women Okay, So We Do Have Spring Fever-- But We Still Ask, 'Why Leave Now?'

All day we have been mulling over ideas for an editorial about coeds who aren't coming to Summer semester just because they don't want to.

In our eight o'clock, the ideas were decidedly hazy. From nine to eleven, we thought of presenting, once more, all the reasons for coming.

In the one o'clock class, we considered being sarcastic about women who feel themselves unable to stand the strain of continuing classes. We think it ironically amusing that these same women have brothers and friends in various branches of the army and navy who would consider attending Summer classes an ideal vacation.

All through our two o'clock, we were determined to write a scorching column saying exactly what we think—and ignoring the psychologists who preach that one must be subtle about motivating others.

We'd probably be combining these various plans right now, if enroute to the three o'clock, we hadn't been led astray by the soothing sun, the couples on front campus, and the ivy on Old Main. Drinking a coke and talking to friends seemed a much better idea.

Consequently, we don't know exactly what to say about coeds who think they don't want to come this Summer. Certainly, it will be hot—but will it be any less warm in Philadelphia or Bolivar or Clark's Summit or Harrisburg? Sure, there will be classes and

homework—but will they require any more energy than being a waitress or camp counselor?

Of course, it would be pleasant to spend a restful three months becoming re-acquainted with one's family. But families are generally understanding and will realize, we think, why women as well as men can not afford to waste three months.

All right, so we do mention the war almost every day. Admittedly, we are "plugging" the third semester. But there's a nasty rumor that this country, at the present time, is losing the war—and we still say defeating the Axis sounds like a pretty big project.

Among The Lionesses

With HELEN R. KEEFAUVER '44

Being in an experimental mood, we have decided to write a weekly sports column in which we hope to interpret games, give sidelights on players, and occasionally—at the risk of our own necks—name all-star teams.

First we would like to bestow a few trophies on WRA officials for the splendid recognition they won at the recent national meeting of the Athletic Federation of College Women at Wellesley. Penn State was highly commended for its outstanding advancement in the physical fitness program.

Coeds themselves have been responsible for a great deal of progress in our "Watchbird Campaign." In the recently ended intramural softball tournament, active interest was shown by more than 120 coeds who participated on the twelve competing teams.

From a poll of a number of outstanding sluggers we have taken it upon ourselves to name an intramural all-star softball team. Stars are first baseman, Jimmie Irwin, Theta; second base, Kay Porter, Zeta; third base, Polly Keller, AOPi; shortstop, Sally Hostetter, Ath West.

Right field, Doris Anders, Kappa Delta; center field, Marty Haverstick, Ath East; left field, Mar-

Greeks List Future Jobs

Asked to specify one or more services that women's fraternities could render the entire College in the next five years, sororities made 18 suggestions in their answers to Miss Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women. Letters were sent out as a part of the 20th anniversary of the founding of campus sororities.

Closer contacts and better feelings between Greeks and independents, and definite suggestions for defense programs appeared most frequently in the replies. Needs for a College student union building was cited.

Greek organizations agreed that social functions should be put in the background, while philanthropic organizations as well as national emergency funds should receive contributions. Activity in White Hall, and a definite educational program should be emphasized they said.

One sorority pointed out the need for keeping alive the spirit of democracy by forgetting petty differences and cooperating with other houses, College authorities, and independent women. Several coed groups stated that College students should be regularly informed on world affairs.

By knitting individual organizations closer together, women suggested that group saving would prove easier. Many saw the need for conservation of physical and mental strength during the accelerated program. A general scholarship fund for affiliated women was suggested.

From a defense angle, women presented ideas for benefit readings, plays, amateur hours, and stamp drives. College sings and special speakers at meetings to build morale were suggested.

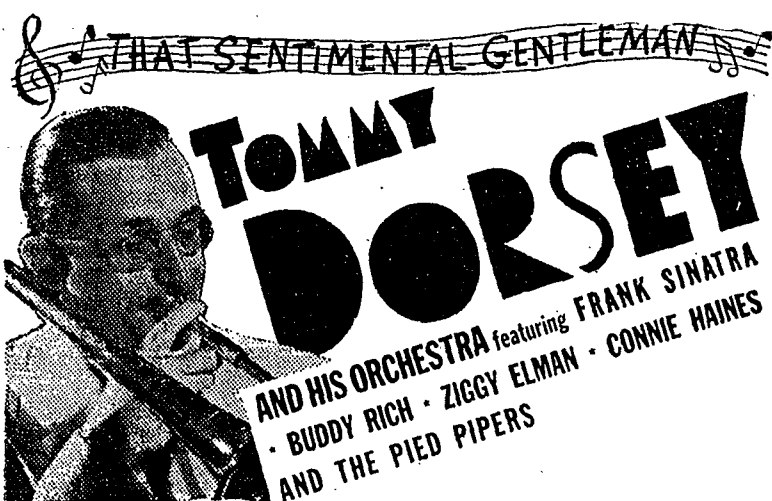
the Duffman, Ath East; short field, Helen Schneider, Phi Mu; catcher, Mary Weldy, Ath West; and pitchers, Betty Widger, AOPi; Audrey Dice, Ath West; and Marge Sykes, Theta.

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