

Coeds To Give Bids For IWA's 'Prairie Prom'

In spite of conflicting reports, women may invite men or men may ask women to IWA's "Prairie Prom," an All-College dance in Recreation Hall from 9 p. m. to midnight Saturday, according to Hazel E. Gassman '43, IWA president. George P. Washko's Campus Owls will play for the informal affair which is open to both sorority and non-sorority women.

As a feature of the evening, a prize will be awarded to the couple most appropriately dressed, following the prairie theme of the dance, according to Miss Gassman.

Co-operating for the affair, the Penn State Dating Bureau will secure dates for both men and women. Men should sign up at the Penn State Club Room in Old Main, and coeds should contact Marjorie A. Magargle '43 in 62 Atherton Hall, according to Miss Gassman.

Tickets for the dance may be purchased for \$1.10 at Student Union, or from Miss Gassman or Miss Magargle.

At an IWA meeting last night, plans for dancing classes for all independent women were discussed. Miss Gassman announces that because of requests from coeds, for beginners and more advanced lessons will probably be started before the end of the semester.

With small classes for individual teaching, dancing will probably be held in Grange playroom with independent women in charge. Jitterbug, smooth, and South American dancing will all be taught, Miss Gassman said.

A report of the independent women's reception held Monday was discussed at last night's meeting, and plans are being formulated for similar receptions in the Fall for both freshmen and transfer women.

Bulletin Announces Possible Graduates

According to reports from the latest Faculty Bulletin, the number of women students to be graduated from the College August 27 is tentatively estimated at 61.

Out of this total, there are sixteen candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree, eleven for Bachelor of Science, eleven for Master of Science, nine for degrees in education, four for Doctor of Philosophy, four for degrees in psychology, three for Master of Arts, and three for Master of Education.

The Bulletin also reveals that, as of August 5, 552 women have applied for admission to the freshman class. Applications accepted and paid for equal 385.

One hundred and twenty-five women have been accepted and have paid for admission to the Home Economics Department out of 161 applicants.

We, The Women 450 Coeds Need Unified Orientation

When 450 new coeds enter the College this Fall, we'll need more orientation for them than a Big Sister here and a mass meeting there.

The usual practice is to have 12 or 13 groups orientating in their own way. Fall orientation will mean a concentrated attempt to unify all efforts in that direction.

In a few weeks, Miss Ruth Zang, assistant to the dean of women, will meet with the heads of all organizations which play any part in welcoming frosh. Everyone from Big Sisters to various club leaders will meet to organize an orientation set-up which will provide a definite schedule for the frosh to follow during the first few weeks.

This action is to be commended. Now we urge that organizations fall in with this idea and work for unity, not individuality. Each group should have a specific job.

Senior Sponsors already have charge of the time-budgeting system. Can't Big Sisters also take one project and carry it out to the letter? Couldn't they teach campus highlights to supplement the pre-school letters and occasional movie dates that characterize Big Sister action?

Miss Zang's suggestions will include a division of the organization as to purpose. Let's hope that individual groups will wait for joint action before they plan their Fall programs.

As soon as the nail is hit, though, let's really drive.

Suggestions for the system might include some of the following:

Could faculty advisors and testers work together to supply the education guidance?

Could mass meetings and mixers come on separate nights and in a brief, to-the-point manner?

Local churches, chapel plans, and the PSCA should be able to coordinate their efforts in planning mass meetings and carrying out religious projects.

Isn't there a job for dormitory hostesses in this orientation program? Only by living with the frosh can their intimate problems be discovered. Informal visiting and entertainment might prove a big help.

Hall meetings could be used as an information service to replace the regulation have-to-be-held meetings.

All rules and first-year foundations are necessary and can't be eliminated; however, they aren't important enough to require a repeat, which is so likely to appear in the old system.

Organizations' help is needed, even solicited. The idea for the unified project is there. What follows is what will create or dismiss an orientation program that is essential. —J.H.M.

Mac Hall Went Coed In 1920 To Parallel Today's Dorm Story

By JANE H. MURPHY

Campus dormitory men are not the first to suffer from the results of an enlarged coed class, according to Miss Ruth H. Zang, assistant to the dean of women, in charge of freshmen.

McAllister Hall men were turned out in 1920 when, just following World War I, women came in large numbers to the campus and no dormitory space was available.

Histories show that the first coeds at the College were daughters of faculty members and lived at home. When "out-of-towners" began to enroll, a part of Old Main was set aside for them and coeds did their own cooking and house-keeping there.

The administration established Ladies' Cottage, center part of Women's Building, in 1899, and in 1908, the list of coeds numbered 32. Pre-war days found 118 women in Penn State.

Corresponding to the jump in enrollment this year 252 new coeds entered the College after the war began and in 1920 the same situation existing today arose.

With McAllister Hall converted into a women's dormitory the building started which included the construction of Grange Dormitory in 1930 and the establishment of 29 town houses in 1937. All this climaxed with the erection of Frances Atherton Hall in 1938, when the total number of women enrolled was 1500.

Frosh orientation also caused changes.

Although a lady principal guided the first Penn State coeds, the first dean of women was appointed in 1907 when WSGA was initiated on the campus. With five or more in a group, frosh learned about the campus, and heard helpful talks.

Groups gradually enlarged to 18 or 20 which met four times a year to discuss problems and readings which were assigned.

Cwens, national sophomore women's honorary, and Archousai, senior honor society which later became Mortar Board, helped in the orientation program in 1929. Senior Sponsors came in 1930.

In 1937 Miss Elizabeth Bell was appointed assistant to the dean of women, in charge of freshmen.

Freshman week and its extensive program was formulated in 1925 as enrollment problems reached a new height.

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WRA PUBLICITY AGENT — F. Doris Stevenson '44, WRA publicity chairman, announced that intramurals will be completed by next Wednesday. Final golf match between Kappa Alpha Theta and Delta Gamma will be played tonight and final volleyball game is scheduled for next Tuesday, Miss Stevenson said.

Ath West, Theta's Win In Volleyball

Semi-final volleyball intramurals last night witnessed the decided victories of Ath West over Sigma Delta Tau and Theta's over AOPi's by scores which were more than double those of the defeated teams, according to F. Doris Stevenson '44, WRA publicity chairman.

Points were scored as follows— at the end of the half, Ath West—27, SDT—22; Thetat's—29, AOPi's—15. Final scores were Ath West

Board Proposes New Point System

Striving to increase the efficiency and accuracy of the WSGA Point System, a committee of WSGA Junior Service Board members drew up proposed changes at a meeting yesterday which will be recommended to the entire Board at a meeting tomorrow.

Committee appointed by Mary Jo Powell '44, president, to investigate the system comprises Service Board members Margaret K. Ramaley, chairman, Dorothy J. Jennings, and Sally L. Hirschberg; and WSGA President Margaret K. Sherman '43, and Junior Senator Ruth M. Storer.

The committee recommends that coed activities be tabulated through cooperation with campus organizations with which coeds are affiliated. Each organization will be contacted at the end of the first month of each semester. Since the inauguration of the system, activity lists have been compiled through direct contact with the coeds.

Chairman Ramaley said, "We feel that the system may be of value in that it increases coed interest in activities and also limits those who are active in too many organizations."

—47, SDT—22; and Theta's 55, AOPi's—25.

High scorers include Joan Finn '46, 19 points for Theta's, and Sis Fitting '43, 9 points for AOPi.

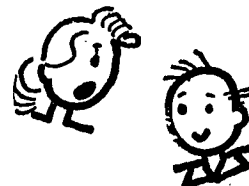
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