

WSGA, Coed Government, Controls Women's Activities

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles concerning the organization of prominent campus groups to be published in conjunction with the new All-College Cabinet move to foster more school spirit.)

The Women's Student Government Association, more often called WSGA, is the governing body of all women students enrolled at the College.

The purpose of this organization is to control matters of student life on campus, to increase the sense of individual responsibility among students, to help coeds to train themselves to be ideal members of the community, to cooperate with the President and faculty of the College, and to maintain a high standard of scholarship and life.

One of its chief aims at the present time is to revive the Penn State spirit. In cooperation with recent All-College Cabinet movements, WSGA has designated the diagonal walks leading to Old Main as "hello walks." Students will say hello to everyone they meet on these three walks in an effort to restore the traditional "hello spirit."

All undergraduate women students are members of the Association as long as they are registered in the College.

Officers of WSGA are a president (senior), a vice-president (junior), a secretary (senior), and a treasurer (sophomore).

Duties of the president are to preside over all meetings of the Association and of the Senate as well as to serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. She is the representative of WSGA on All-College Cabinet and performs the duties of senior women's president. She may call any meetings of the senior class which she deems necessary.

The vice-president presides over the House of Representatives and is an ex-officio member of Junior Service Board. The secretary keeps the minutes and conducts Senate correspondence and the treasurer is in charge of the finances of the Association.

The organization consists of five bodies: Senate, House of Representatives, Freshman Council, Junior Service Board, and Judicial Committee.

Senate controls all business and regulations which deals with undergraduate women. At one time it inaugurated the point system whereby coeds could carry only a certain number of extra-curricular activities, ascertained by points, in keeping with their scholastic standing.

The House of Representatives, composed of living unit presidents, initiates legislation and is in charge of the annual WSGA

Christmas Drive and transfer orientation. Freshman Council assists with discipline matters pertaining to frosh customs and regulations.

Junior Service Board is an honorary society for sophomore and junior women students participating in extra-curricular activities who show ability of leadership and who have a 1.5 all-college average.

The duties of the Judicial Committee are to hear the defense of women students reported for breaking regulations and to penalize them accordingly if found guilty.

Officers and members of the Association are nominated by a committee appointed by Senate and are elected by the women students. Any nominations from the floor must be approved by Senate. Appointments to Junior Service Board and Judicial Committee are made by the Senate.

Present officers of WSGA are Mary Margaret Dunlap, president; Ann Louise Decker, secretary; and Barbara Struck, treasurer.

Musser Returns From Army Duties

Howard B. Musser has removed the silver oak leaves from his shoulders and has returned to his duties as professor of experimental agronomy at the College, after serving two years and eight months with the army air forces and traveling approximately 100,000 miles.

Commissioned by the AAF in May 1942, his job was to solve a two-fold problem: how to rid air fields of dust and at the same time control the drainage from large hard-surfaced areas.

The hurried wartime construction of large air fields, he explained, had created "quite a dust problem"—since the Air Corps soon found that dust wreaked havoc with equipment, seriously threatening operations, endangering lives; boosting and training time for pilots. Drainage also was a serious problem.

With a staff composed of six field officers and 20 part-time officers, Colonel Musser supervised the treatment of more than half a million acres of ground, employing a combination of permanent grasses, artificial mulches, oil and gravel, and rough tileage methods. His major work was carried on from bases at Maxwell Field, Alabama; Atlanta, Georgia; and Washington, D. C.

Colonel Musser returned to State College January 13, started to work January 15. "Just to get home and see my friends," he explained, "was vacation enough for awhile."

Placement 5 Firms Interview

The following company representatives will interview seniors today and next week, according to George P. Leetch, director of College Placement Service. All arrangements for interviews should be made as soon as possible in 204 Old Main.

Today George A. Munger, representative of the Philco Corporation, will talk with seventh and eighth semester students in mechanical and electrical engineering. Arrangements for interviews may still be made.

Tuesday Firestone Tire and Rubber Company Representative E. W. Oldham will interview seniors in industrial, mechanical, electrical, chemical engineering, and chemistry.

Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs. H. C. Beppler of the National Board of the Y.M.C.A. will talk with senior coeds in physical education, sociology, and psychology.

Wednesday B. B. Bright and W. F. Houghton of the Atlantic Refining Company will interview seventh and eighth semester students in chemical, industrial, mechanical, petroleum and natural gas engineering, and chemistry.

Wednesday and Thursday Miss Nelle Shaw of the Wheelan Studios of New York will speak with senior coeds. New employees of the studios are trained for positions of colorist, photographer, studio manager, receptionist, and personnel supervisor. There are opportunities in these fields for those interested in retail selling, personnel, and photography.

War Induces More Reading

Americans will read more and better books but will write less good literature as the result of the war, Professor William L. Werner of the College said today.

"The wartime trend toward increased reading will undoubtedly carry over into the postwar period," the English literature professor added.

Professor Werner pointed out that the army's free distribution of books has given many men the "reading habit" while civilians, denied the usual peacetime amusements, have likewise turned to literature for pleasure and recreation.

While the Penn State expert believes the current emphasis on non-fiction is merely a wartime interest, he feels the standards of the reading public will continue to improve. More people, he explained, are interested in classics than was the case 25 years ago.

Withal, he added, this war will affect the literature of the next 25 years because of the death of many promising young writers.

Squad to Debate W & J

Men's Debate Team will meet Washington and Jefferson in a debate in 316 Sparks, 7:30 Wednesday, it was announced today by Sanford Ratsky, debate manager.

Karl Harshbarger and Robert Kagan will represent the College squad.

Chapel Yale Prof Speaks

Dr. Brand Blanchard, professor of philosophy at Yale University and author of "The Nature of Thought," will address the chapel congregation on "The Meaning of Sincerity" in Schwab Auditorium, Sunday.

A Rhodes scholar and a Guggenheim fellow, Dr. Blanchard holds degrees from Columbia, Harvard, Michigan, and Oxford Universities. He is president of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association.

Before he came to Yale University, Dr. Blanchard was chairman of the philosophy department at Swarthmore College for 20 years. During the last war, he served with the AEF in France.

Campus Cops Wanted

Student patrolmen are urgently needed by the Campus Patrol, announced Philip A. Mark today. All male students, especially X-G's, are eligible, he said.

Student patrolmen are needed to officiate at many campus activities necessitating traffic or door control. The pay while on duty is 50 cents an hour.

Anyone who has spare time, especially on weekends should apply immediately to the Campus Patrol office, third floor, Old Main.

Grade Schools Fail To Prepare Pupils

Public schools have failed to prepare pupils for "everyday living," Dr. James H. Moyer of the Pennsylvania State College said today, in urging subject matter that is more closely related to practical problems.

"The war," he added, "has proved the limitations of the academic approach. Typical of this was the failure of the physical education program to produce a healthy group of young people."

Dr. Moyer, assistant professor of education, believes public schools have been "too much like monasteries," over-emphasizing subjects like Latin and advanced mathematics, where the utilitarian value is restricted to relatively few students.

Proposing a survey of student needs, and a revision of subject matter fields to fit these needs, Dr. Moyer gave chemistry and physics as examples of classes in which students might also be taught to make minor home repairs. In the same vein, he said biology courses should include instruction on gardening.

Public Safety Institute Receives \$14,000 Grant

The Institute of Public Safety at the College has received a grant of \$14,000 from the Automotive Safety Foundation to establish a national training center for motor vehicle fleet supervisors, Amos E. Neyhart, administrative head of the Institute, announced today.

Selected on the basis of five years' outstanding work in training fleet supervisors and ten years of training and educating teachers and drivers, the Institute will begin immediately to develop the program.

Along with research in materials and methods, Neyhart and two assistants will inaugurate regional training centers in 15 to 20 places, mainly colleges and universities, during 1945.

In general, the training offered will be the same as that conducted by Neyhart during the past year. In 1943 more than 600 fleet supervisors, controlling almost 225,000 vehicles, received such instruction at 19 regional institutes.

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