

Through the Looking Glass

By Kay Sadtler

The time for packing trunks is upon us again and this time they will be sent off to a strange domain, address in State College. The problem is what to put in that trunk for colleges, dinner, and things required at one school are merely "electives" at another.

If you're like the rest of us, you've been studying the fashion magazines, looking at your old skirts and weeping. However, we doubt that State will be going to any extremes of fashion this year. The policy most coeds are adopting is this: let down the hems of what we've got, and buy our new clothes with longer skirts.

Sweaters, skirts and blouses will still be going to classes with suits and corduroy jackets. For Friday and Saturday night dating, you're on your own as to requirements, but one or two good black dresses are almost a must. Don't forget to bring along a couple of evening gowns for the big dances in Rec Hall.

Rainy Weekends

There is an old saying at State which goes, "It rains every weekend." Be prepared with boots, raincoat and umbrella. If you're a sports enthusiast, bring along your ski suit and accessories for there should be lots of snow and skiing. Don't forget your ice skates and outfit (both skating skirts and ski pants are worn) when they flood the tennis courts this year.

Surrounded on almost every side by mountains, it gets pretty cold in State College during the winter. A really warm coat is a necessity for dashing to classes. Either a fur coat or fur trimmed coat is nice but not necessary for weekends.

As for your accessories, bandannas are worn everywhere on the campus, and with everything. You'll need a hat for traveling, church or chapel, and for some of the more dressy teas. Gloves usually go with the hats, and sometimes are worn to formal dances. Warm mittens are a necessity. Don't forget to put your name tape in them as well as on coats and bandannas. Pocketbooks are rarely used at State except for a small bag to hold makeup that will tuck into your coat pocket, and purse for church.

Socks Still Popular

White wool socks and loafers are the coeds' solution for cold feet. No matter how low the hem line we feel it's important to keep warm going to class. Of course stockings and heels are de rigueur for dating.

It's usually best to plan your dorm room with your roommate. You must supply your own drapes or glass curtains, bed spread and small rug in practically all rooms. Don't forget dresser scarfs, a laundry bag, and laundry case if you're sending things home. A good study lamp is a necessity and can be purchased in town. A typewriter is handy, depending on your courses.

Dorm Furnishings

Campus dorms furnish all bed linen, a pillow and two blankets, but if you're cold blooded, bring along an extra blanket or two. Don't forget bedroom slippers that are warm but don't clack when roommates are sleeping and warm bathrobe to study in. Dungarees and slacks are fine for study, fall hikes, and classes on especially cold days, but they're not worn in the dining room.

As a final hint, bring a drinking cup, can opener, silver knife and unbreakable dishes if you want an evening snack before bed.

So lock up that trunk now, and we'll be looking for you soon.

New Books

During the month of August, 993 books were accessioned by the College Library. W. P. Lewis, librarian, reported today.

The monthly report also revealed that 14,584 volumes were circulated during the month and that the library now has 283,165 volumes and 29,918 unaccessioned pamphlets.

In 1947, 80 coeds were enrolled at the College along with 1811 men. The present enrollment is 1,554 coeds to 6,164 men.

Center Club Sponsors Transfer Reception

Campus Center Club members will hold a welcome reception in White Hall from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, September 28, for approximately 375 transfer students from the Pottsville, Altoona, Hazleton, and DuBois Centers, according to Florence Feinberg, publicity chairman.

Members of the club as well as Center officials are expected to attend the reception being held to welcome the students to the campus. Entertainment has been planned and greetings will be extended by Mr. David B. Pugh, supervisor of the Undergraduate Centers. Thomas Byrne, club president, will preside.

Assistance in the scheduling of rosters will be given by club members in 121 Sparks, Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27 during registration hours to answer questions and supply information.

WRA Swim, Dance, Rifle Clubs Open To Women Showing Special Skills

Special advanced groups such as Kippers and the modern dance concert group are open to women showing special skill in WRA recreation clubs, according to Lee Ann Wagner, WRA president.

Kippers, selected from members of the Swim Club, have played important roles in intercollegiate swim telegraphic meets and in annual aquacades sponsored by the Swim Club.

Routines for the aquacade presented each Spring are based on degrees of skill, however, and less experienced swimmers participate also, said Mary Margaret Barnett, Swim Club president. Last year's aquacade, "Waltz Time," was presented in the White Hall pool to a full house.

The varsity swim team won the Eastern district championship and placed third nationally in the Intercollegiate Swim Telegraphics this Spring.

Modern dance concert group is chosen from members of the Modern Dance Club. Members practice one afternoon each week besides the regular club hour and have aided with the choreography and danced leading roles in the annual dance recitals.

Last year's recital was presented three nights, each time to a packed house, in the White Hall modern dance room. Multi-colored costumes, original choreography and music, and dances interpreting a Carl Sandburg poem were featured.

highest scores during a specified period of the Rifle Club's daily practice hours are named to the varsity rifle squad. Women with the highest weekly scores preceding intercollegiate matches participate in that week's contest.

Penn State's women riflers placed first in the 1947 Women's Intercollegiate Rifle Matches with a total team score of 2439 out of a possible 2500.

In the individual matches, three women shooting on the 50-foot indoor White Hall range placed among the ten highest scorers in the individual matches. Nancy Killam won fourth, Joan Health seventh, and Loretta Ze-kauskas ninth place.

Men Disapprove Style Trend As Coeds' Skirts Lengthen

By Jean Alderfer

While nearly 100 per cent of the College men groan their disapproval, coeds' skirts have been dipping inches below their knees in past months.

Women students who came to the Summer Sessions this year from small towns where the new fashions hadn't "caught on" spent several classes with coeds in calf-length dresses and then bluntly let down their own hems.

A selected poll showed that while 47 per cent of the women on campus were ardent "long-hemmers," the 51 per cent who didn't like the longer skirts admitted they like hems "a little longer."

Men interviewed at random disliked the new fashion.

Long-Legged Ideal

"What's going to happen to our ideal of the long-legged American girl?" said one. "Their legs look chopped off with long skirts."

Women who voted for longer skirts, which means three or four inches below the knee, say that they are more flattering (especially to taller girls), more feminine, and besides, they "want a change."

The coeds who voted against lengthening hems almost unanimously said they like longer dresses more as they get used to seeing them. Asked if they were

letting down hems from last year's dresses, most of them said they were.

Buyers in women's dress shops downtown confirm what fashion magazines show—fall dresses at least 14 inches from the floor, inches longer than last year.

Some Men Like Them

"Lots of men who come in shopping with their wives like the longer skirts," said one salesgirl. A buyer for another shop, a man, thinks the longer skirts are smart with heels, but that sandaled coeds with cotton skirts flouncing to their calves look "horrible."

Is the trend here to stay? Fifty-three per cent of the women think the fashion might last several years. Almost unanimously they think the skirts will be the new length for several seasons.

"And I thought women dressed to please men," said one disgruntled veteran.

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