

Graduate Student From Sweden Compares Her Country With Ours

By Joan Peters

Although Sweden and the United States are much alike in their physical aspects, Sonja Tornvall, graduate psychology student at the College, finds vast difference between the people of the two countries.

Miss Tornvall, whose home is in Stockholm, said when interviewed in her room in Atherton Hall that the Swedish climate is much like that of Pennsylvania, and Sweden has many other things in common with the U.S.A., since many American commodities, such as clothing, food, moving pictures, are common in the Scandinavian country.

However, the people differ. Miss Tornvall finds the Americans more easy-going, gay, and very easy to get along with. Her own countrymen she said, are heavier and more silent. But, she added, American people are more conventional in their thinking.

Declaring that "State College is a wonderful place," Miss Tornvall said she thought the small town atmosphere of State College was more conducive to studying and to student life than is the city atmosphere of Stockholm, where her alma mater is situated.

Dislikes "New Look"

Asked about the penetration of the "new look" into Sweden, the graduate student said it had been presented in various magazines and shops, but she had seen no one in Stockholm wearing the new fashions. She was surprised when she reached New York to find American women adopting the new style. Miss Tornvall stated that she does not like the "new look," and believes that the only women who look well in it are those who are tall, beautiful, and sophisticated.

She found many of the American customs more informal than those of Sweden, especially the dating customs. The "Dungaree Drag," which she attended was an experience which was new and enjoyable to her, since girl-asks-boy dances are not held in Sweden.

Worked with SU

While a student at the University of Stockholm, where she took a B.A. in theoretical and practical philosophy and psychology, she was associated with the university's student union. For one and one-half years she was employed as a social worker at the student union.

The Stockholm union is housed in a modern building, built in 1935, and its facilities include a

Reminder
Girls who are interested in joining a sorority are reminded that they must fill out preference cards in the Dean of Women's office between 7 and 9 p.m. Sunday or from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

restaurant for students, a cafeteria where students meet with their friends over coffee, a newspaper room, library for recreational reading, record library with gramophone, (with record concerts every Saturday) game rooms, a sitting room with fireplace, and meeting rooms.

Students at the University of Stockholm are now working to obtain dormitory facilities for resident students. At present there are only 9 rooms for men students and 20 for women. The women's rooms are in the form of flats, or apartments, and there is no supervision in the form of house mothers or hostesses for the women students.

Swedish Coeds Older

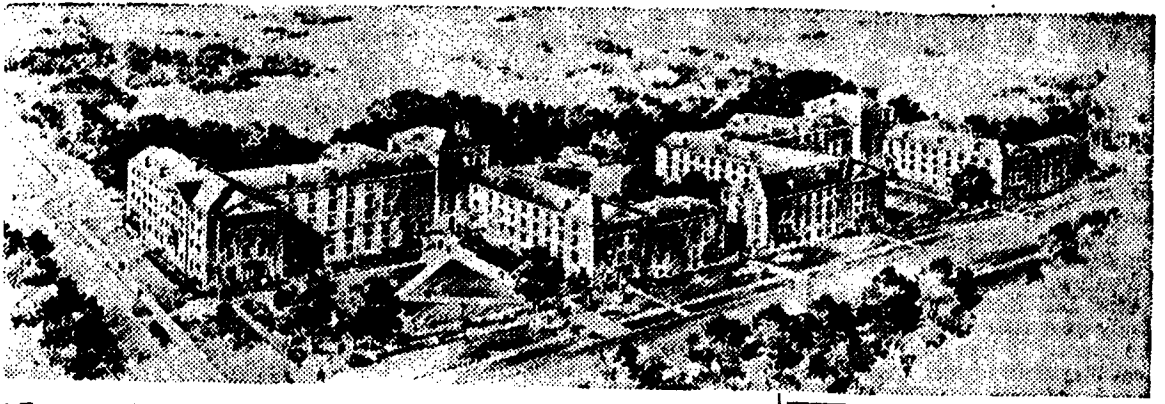
However, Miss Tornvall said that most of the women students who lived in the flats were older than the average American college girl, being 22 to 30 years of age, and in many cases they were working for advanced degrees.

When the university's new dormitories, for which the Swedish government is expected to give money, become a reality they will house 1500 students. Rooms will be like small apartments and the policy of no supervision of the students will continue.

Swimming Candidates

All students interested in trying out for the swimming team, and all members of the squad, are requested by Bill Gutteron, coach, to take their physical examinations at any time before 4:30 o'clock, this week at the Dispensary.

Artist's Conception of New Dorms



New Women's Dormitories Include Canteens, Suites

A sound-proofed typing-room, built-in furniture, formal and informal lounges, an open-air terrace, canteens, and sorority suites will contribute to pleasant life and study in the new \$6,000,000 women's dormitories, now under construction east of Shortlidge road.

The typing-room, an innovation in dormitory construction, will be fitted with wall tables of a convenient height, adequate lighting and special acoustics to permit typing without disturbing those in other parts of the dorm.

Built-in Furniture

For convenience and sound-deadening, wardrobes with sliding doors will be placed in partition walls between rooms. Built-in dressers, dressing lights and bookcases will also be used. Single beds, night table, desks, chairs, a mirror, easy chair and telephone complete the room furnishings.

Three formal lounges, each with a kitchenette will be on the first floor of each building. They will open out onto a terrace, overlooking the Nittany Valley. On other floors will be informal lounges with kitchenettes for gatherings of women.

First floor plans also provide a lobby with adjoining office, four hostess suites, a recreation

room, canteen, post office, powder room, and men's coat room.

16 Suites

Eight sorority suites will appear in each dormitory. Each suite will consist of a meeting room, kitchenette, storage space, telephone and living space for at least 16 members. Sororities will pay for their own furniture.

Plans include the usual dining, shower, laundry, drying and ironing facilities, making the dormitories practically self-sufficient. An official of the construction company said that all the girls would have to go out for would be classes and men.

Steel Going Up

Structural steel is now arriving in adequate quantities, and is being installed by erectors and riveters. It is believed that the delays earlier caused by steel shortages will be made up.

Basement plumbing work and sewage connections are being made, as are foundation electrical connections. Also nearing completion are tunnels for heat, water and gas supply.

WRA to Sponsor Saturday Play Night

Bowling, swimming and table tennis are among the activities offered at the WRA Play Nite in White Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. every Saturday night.

Free refreshments served by the WRA between 8:30 and 9 p.m. are another feature of Play Nite.

Badminton will be played in the gymnasium and arrangements for card games in the play room are being made.

Pauline Globisch, who is a certified swimming instructor, will be on duty at the pool. Mrs. Reese, affiliated with the White Hall staff, and Nancy Romig, member of the WRA board, will be in charge of Play Nite.

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