

We the Women by Frances Keeney

Coeds on campus put out the welcome mat for all returning alumnae, and curtsy deeply as they greet their graduate sisters over the "new-look" campus.

We offer our deepest apologies for the giant-sized gutters, the slightly vegetated dirt mounds, and the unglamorous bits of buildings scattered over our once beautiful landscape, but as you've probably read Penn State is expanding, and at present is in the midst of its "growing pains."

Coeds Haven

But out of the midst of these architectural nightmares, you alums will find the coeds haven, Simmons Hall. This exclusively modern dormitory, home of 532 undergraduates, will be open to all alumnae, your husbands, your fiancés and your friends immediately after the football game. Coeds will guide you through the dorm, and you will be served tea and cookies in the big glass enclosed lounge.

In fact refreshments will be served from dishes which were purchased from donations by alumnae organizations, and Miss Julia G. Brill, associate professor of English composition, will pour tea from a silver service also bequeathed by the alums.

"On the Ball"

As in previous years, coeds are still finding and making a name for themselves in many campus activities. This week's Thespian show abounds with feminine talent, and even though the critics are quite varied in their opinions of the show, laurels must be handed to the coeds for their singing, acting and dancing performances.

Women's honoraries are also quite busy. Chimes started off the season by taking charge of the orientation of 620 new coeds. Cwens had their annual "Dun-garee Drag" last weekend, and Mortar Board is planning a gala Mardi Gras from which proceeds go to the Charlotte E. Ray scholarship fund in Recreation Hall Friday night.

Also in scholarship, the feminine sex rates high. (Note next column.) We're glad you alums came back to visit us, and we hope that you will be as proud of us still "in the vale," as we are of you who have wandered out of "Old Main building."

Student from 45 States

Forty-five states are represented in this year's record enrollment, said William S. Hoffman, dean of admissions. Limited to five per cent of the total student body, the out-of-state enrollment includes students from every state except Arizona, Nevada, and North Dakota.

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Dean Releases Averages

Alpha Zeta and Beta Sigma Omicron gained top scholastic honors for second semester 1947-48 among fraternities and sororities, respectively, according to group averages released this week by the Dean of Admissions. Alpha Zeta secured a 2.10 average, while Beta Sigma Omicron maintained a 2.06.

Alpha Chi Omega, securing a 1.87, Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1.85, Delta Gamma, 1.83, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Delta, each 1.82, occupied the next four standings among sororities.

Delta Theta Sigma, 1.98, Tau Phi Delta, 1.84, Sigma Phi Alpha, 1.74, Alpha Epsilon Pi, 1.72, and Phi Sigma Delta, 1.70, ranked next highest among the fraternity group.

Fraternity women maintained a 1.78 average and fraternity men a 1.51 average. The all-college women average was a slight degree lower than that of the sororities, being 1.67, while that of non-sorority women was a 1.60. Non-fraternity men established a 1.40 average and college men as a whole secured a 1.43 mark.

The all-college average of 1.47 was thus topped by both fraternity men and women, and by all-college women, though not by all-college men.

Sixteen sororities made group averages of a 1.70 or better, while six fraternities placed above this mark.

Phi Lambda Phi

Pi Lambda Phi recently pledged Mike Hellman.

Penn State Club

The Penn State Club will hold a bridge-pinochle card party in 321 Old Main at 1:30 p.m. Sunday for its members, alumni and friends. Refreshments will be served.

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Painting Given To Simmons Hall

An original oil painting was presented to Dr. Pearl O. Weston, Dean of Women, by the Lancaster Penn State Alumnae yesterday afternoon for use in Simmons Hall.

The painting, "Lancaster County Farm," was done by Harry M. Book, a member of the class of '29, and will be hung in the main lounge of the new dormitory in time for the Open House today.

Simmons Hall, Georgian colonial in design, was built and furnished at a cost of \$3,000,000. Ground was broken in April 1947 and the all-brick structure was opened last month and has not, as yet officially been turned over to the College. The dormitory, named for Dr. Lucretia V. Simmons, dean of women at the College in 1918 and 1919, has 315 rooms which house 532 women students.

Sororities To Fete Alumnae

Plans for open houses, teas and Sunday morning breakfasts have been made by most sororities for entertaining their alumnae over the weekend.

Open houses will be held by a large number of the sororities immediately after the Michigan State-Penn State football game this afternoon. Alpha Chi Omega plans to entertain alumnae in Grange lobby at this time. Beta Sigma Omicron's open house will be held in the chapter house, Chi Omega's in its suite in Grange and Delta Delta Delta in its Women's Building suite.

Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Phi Mu open houses will all be held in the respective chapter houses of the sororities. Delta Zeta and Sigma Delta Tau plan open houses in their suites on first floor Simmons. Gamma

Phi Beta's open house will be held in the chapter suite on third floor Grange.

Alpha Gamma Delta plans an informal coffee hour and Alpha Xi Delta will hold an open house in their respective Simmons suites. Theta Phi Alpha will entertain its alumnae with a tea in the chapter house.

Kappa Alpha Theta sorority plans a breakfast for its alumnae in the chapter house at 9:30 a. m. Sunday. Alpha Omicron Pi will have a breakfast in the chapter house at the same time, after which all present may attend chapel service together. A breakfast is the entertainment planned by Delta Gamma in the first floor suite of Simmons at 9:45 a. m. Sunday. A special alumnae meeting with the executive board will be held by Zeta Tau Alpha in the suite at 10:30 a. m. Sunday.

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