

Coeds Play 'Mama' to Baby Mix Practicality with Fun

by John Bonnell

Ever hear of a baby having eight "mamas"? That's the happy privilege of three little tots living here at Penn State—and all 24 of the mamas are charming coeds.

Behind this seemingly lopsided family setup is the home management course conducted by the School of Home Economics for all senior girls majoring in that gentle curriculum.

And is this course practical? The coed "mothers" move into three specially designed houses for an eight-week preview of running a house as well as taking care of every crying need of a tender infant.

Two of the houses—Benedict and Hillcrest—are located east of Central Library; Beecher, the third house, stands just east of Tri-Dorms.

Sense of Thrift

A food budget of 80 cents per person per day gives the girls a keen sense of thrift, and gives them the incentive to learn proper amounts of foods they should buy at one time.

Edith Cope of Benedict house found an odd twist to the art of buying spaghetti. The eight pounds she once lugged home early in her career were just double the needed quantity.

Jobs change hands each week. The coed who hauls the food up the mall in the little red wagon one week may find herself administering the milk formula to the hungry infant the next. Other changes, of course, go with the job of nurse.

Good Neighbors

Culinary genius is not suppressed, but an important shelf in each kitchen is stocked with well-used cook books. Cooks practice neighborliness, too, borrowing a speck of sugar one day, loaning it back the next.

Dining at Hillcrest is no drab affair. Candles are lit, and flowers beam from the table's center. A window in this Pennsylvania Dutch style house permits observation of dinner next door, in the early-American style Benedict. Once an English composition stronghold, Beecher is "modern" in decoration and furnishings.

Practice housekeeping would fall short were the male community always excluded. Therefore, party entertainment of "the fellows" has become a favorite feature of the course.

Southern Hospitality

In fact, at Hillcrest one recent Sunday the gals lounged about while their male "guests" went to work in the modern electric kitchen, planning, preparing and serving the dinner.

This house boasts a dash of southern hospitality, since the faculty hostess is Mrs. Frances Henderson of Arkansas.

"We're just one big happy family," she explained.

Evidence of that atmosphere can be seen in the "breakfast nook," a cozy corner off the kitchen where between-meal coffee has become a tradition.

Beecher is the only house to have a man as a resident. This came about through a fire that destroyed a trailer and the need of Beecher for a graduate assistant.

Were Homeless

Mrs. Lawrence McElfresh, her husband, and infant son John, were homeless after the fire last

November. Thus the job now filled by Mrs. McElfresh solved their family's problem and that of Beecher.

John, incidentally, a robust 20 pounds, 10 ounces at six and a half months, resembles the other two babies only in his good nature. For the pride of Hillcrest is Marie, while Benedict's joyful armful with a tint of red in her hair is named Vicki Sue.

When the grown up "babes" leave these houses, they should make better housewives than ever appeared on a radio quiz show.

Business Candidates

The business staff of the Daily Collegian will train all those interested in circulation, advertising, layout, selling, promotion and general office procedure.

All those interested should report to the candidates meeting at the Daily Collegian office, Carnegie Hall, Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Gymnasts—

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remain from last year's standout team.

Bonsall, who went to the 1948 Olympics with his coach, will perform on the horizontal bar, side horse and rings while Meade will strive for a repeat triumph in the Eastern tumbling championships.

Only newcomer of note is Rudy Valentino, former state schoolboy champion of Lancaster, who'll go out after the Eastern tumbling title once held by his brother, Johnny.

On the shoulders of these three men, principally, will depend the fortunes of Wettstone's tenth year at the helm of the Lion gymnastic contingent.

'49 Gridiron Team Presents Lion Rarity - Co-Captains

For the second time in three years, an end and tackle will serve as co-captains of the Penn State football team. Tackle Negley Norton, of Altoona, and End Bob Hicks, of Lancaster, will lead the team in 1949.

In 1947, the Penn State Cotton Bowl team was led by End John Potskian, of Brownsville, and Tackle John Nolan, of Glens Falls, N. Y. Nolan played for the Boston Yanks (now the New York Bulldogs) of the National Pro League, during the last season while Potskian was on campus finishing his education.

Co-captains are few and far between at Penn State. The last

pair to share football leadership were Sammy Donato, of Dunmore, and Johnny Economos, of Pittsburgh. They led the team in 1937. Donato now coaches at West Scranton High School, while Economos is a member of the coaching staff at Brooklyn College.

The 1949 co-captains have played together for three years, and will conclude their college eligibility next season. Both played varsity ball as freshmen under wartime regulations, went to war for two years, and returned in 1947. Coach Bob Higgins regards both boys as outstanding in their positions.

Faculty Notes

Dr. Grover C. Chandlee, professor and head of the department of chemistry at the College, will retire March 31 as professor emeritus of chemistry, James Milouand, acting president of the College, announced today. He had served the faculty for 44 years.

Dr. Chandlee's position will be filled by Dr. W. Conrad Fernelius, professor and chairman of the department of chemistry at Syracuse University, whose appointment has already been announced.

The Board of Trustees at a week-end meeting in Harrisburg, also approved the retirement, effective February 28, of F. S. Jucner, agricultural extension representative in Lancaster county. Bucher has served in that capacity since 1913 and has had the longest service of any of the agricultural extension representatives of the department of agronomy for one year prior to his extension appointment.

Dr. Charles D. Cox, assistant professor of bacteriology at the Medical College of Virginia, has been appointed associate professor of bacteriology, effective February 1. He received his bachelor's, master's, and doctor of philosophy degrees at the University of Illinois and served on the staff there and as a bacteriologist in the U. S. Army prior to going to the Medical College of Virginia.

Chester R. Underhill, commercial and supervisory engineer with RCA, Camden, New Jersey, has been named administrative assistant of the Watson Laboratories in the Engineering Experiment Station, effective January 1. A graduate of Ebor College in Switzerland, Underhill has taken graduate work at College of the City of New York. He has had broad experience in radio production work and has written numerous radio service manuals and professional books and papers.

The trustees also approved the appointment of Dr. Daniel M. Lonberger, of State College, as dentist with the College Health Service, effective January 15. He holds bachelor of science and doctor of dental surgery degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.

Promotions approved include those of Dr. Arnold J. Currier, Dr. A. Witt Hutchison, and Dr. Mary L. Willard, all associate pro-

fessors of chemistry, to the rank of professor of chemistry. Dr. Joseph J. Lowden, associate professor of education, to professor of education; Margaret A. Neuber, assistant professor of elementary education, to associate professor of education; and Lavonia Hilbert, instructor in clothing extension, to assistant professor of clothing extension.

Dr. Fred F. Lininger, vice-dean of the School of Agriculture at the College, will address the Faculty Luncheon Club at the Hotel State College on Monday noon. Dr. Lininger will speak on "China Today" and will show colored slides of pictures he took on his recent trip to China.

Ten Students Win Ag Award

The award of 10 agricultural scholarships amounting to \$850, was announced yesterday at the Pennsylvania State College by Dr. H. K. Wilson, vice-dean and director of resident instruction in the School of Agriculture.

The scholarships are awarded by the Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. on the basis of character and scholastic achievement. Four are awarded to juniors, three to sophomores, and three to freshmen. The freshmen are chosen from the class admitted to Penn State and assigned to co-operating colleges for their first year.

Juniors named to receive the \$100 awards are Annabelle Eshleman, Bloomsburg; Richard M. Cresman, Bethlehem; Irwin C. Eyt, Plains; and Heinz J. Heine-mann, Conestoga Woods. Sophomores, also receiving \$100 each, are Ray M. Ard, Lewisburg; Marion R. Deppen, Millersburg; and Charles E. Zellner, Bethlehem.

Freshmen who received \$50 scholarships are James J. McKeehan, Honesdale, now at Mansfield State Teachers College; Guy H. Temple, Unityville, now at Bloomsburg State Teachers College; and Charles E. Winzer, Emmaus, now at Kutztown State Teachers College.

College Employes Receive Five Per Cent Pay Increase

A five percent increase in the annual salaries of regular, full-time employes of the College has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

The pay increase will be granted to those who are regular, full-time employes and who were in the employ of the College on December 31, 1948. The increase became effective February 1.

A similar increase was granted

January 1, 1947. It ranged from \$150 a year for the clerical staff to \$300 a year for administrative and academic personnel.

In commenting on salary increases to the most recent action, President Milholland observed that academic salaries at the College had been raised 48.4 percent above those of 1939.

At their weekend meeting in Harrisburg, the Board of Trustees re-elected officers of last year: Mr. Milholland, president of the board; George H. Deike, vice president; and S. K. Hostetter, treasurer. Also re-elected was the executive committee composed of K. S. Bagshaw, Mr. Deike, H. J. Lamade, J. L. Mauthe, R. W. Rowland, G. W. Slocum, and E. C. Weichel.

The committee to recommend a president of the College reported that it has been studying a long list of candidates but that it is not ready to make any recommendation.

The board reported that it had received a recommendation from the College chapter of the American Association of University Professors that a faculty member from each school making up the College meet regularly with the College Board of Trustees. A committee will be named to study the proposal and to investigate similar practices at other Colleges.

PSCA Delegates

The Penn State Christian Association was represented at the recent United Student Christian Council Conference in Lawrence Kan., by two student delegates; John Kochalka, Jr., and Jo Ann N. Esterly.

IM Mitt Artists Set New Marks

Intramural boxing cracked all previous records this year.

With fraternity team entries jumping from 20 in 1947 to 34 this year, and with eight independent men matching blows where none fought last, all figures on the fisty sport spiraled upwards at least 41 percent.

Largest increase was in bouts scheduled, a report issued by the IM department yesterday shows. Eugene C. Bischoff, IM director, and Clarence (Dutch) Sykes, assistant, carded 123 bouts this season, a jump of 63 from last season.

Ninety-six fighters participated in the program, boxing 82 bouts in all. The first figure represents an increase of 28 men from last season, while 34 more fights came off this season than in 1947.

Sigma Nu, champion for the second successive year, won the most bouts. The champs climbed out of the ring victorious 19 times, far ahead of Alpha Gamma Rho, which won ten bouts. Third in line were Phi Delta Theta and Phi Gamma Delta, tied with each boasting eight bouts won.


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