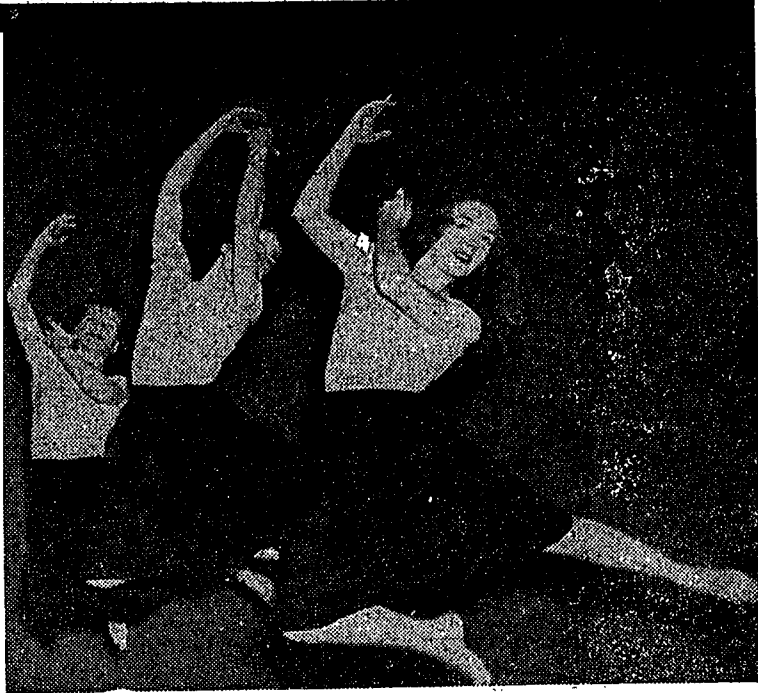


WRA Modern Dance Group



WRA Invites New Women To White Hall Open House

All new women students are invited to attend the Open House sponsored by Women's Recreation Association in White Hall at 8 p.m. Friday, September 23.

The purpose of the Open House will be to acquaint Freshmen, Sophomores, and upperclass-transfers with the recreational facilities of White Hall and the general organization of women's sports activities.

All women may participate in any of the sports provided by the facilities in White Hall at that time. Everyone is requested by Virginia Miller, president of WRA, to bring shorts, gym suits, or other suitable attire. Following this period, refreshments will be served.

Executive Board

The activities of WRA, which is composed of every undergraduate woman, are headed by the Executive Board. Under it are the Club President's Board, the Intramural Board, and the Social Activities Board. The aim of these coordinated groups is to promote and maintain an extensive program of intramural and recreational activities for the women student body. Opportunities for the development of team and individual skills without regard to previous experience are offered to all women interested in the various sports and activities.

Ten clubs are organized under the Club President's Board, and each gives instruction to beginners and advanced members in the particular field for which each is organized. Intramural tournaments and exhibitions are given to encourage participation in these clubs which meet once a week on regularly scheduled nights. The clubs are badminton, bowling, bridge, dance, fencing, golf, outing, rifle, swimming, and tennis. The number of clubs that one may participate in is not limited.

Intramural Board

The Intramural Board is in charge of all intramural competition between classes, sororities, and independent groups. This includes hockey, basketball, volleyball, softball, tennis, table tennis, bowling and badminton. The group winning the most points in intramural competition is awarded an intramural cup from WRA.

The Social Activities Board plans the social affairs of WRA. Included among WRA activities are the Christmas party for needy children, the annual WRA Sweetheart Dance, swimming aquacade, Modern Dance Club concert, and swimming telegraphics.

WRA Officers

The Executive Board consists of girls elected by the student body. They are Virginia Miller, president; Sally Folger, vice-president; Mary Ann Krepps, club activities chairman, Betty

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WRA Head Greet New College Women

Welcome to all new College women.

As president of the Women's Recreation Association I would like to welcome all of you girls to Penn State and to WRA's home—White Hall.

We hope that you will spend many of your leisure hours in "our home." White Hall offers many opportunities to make new friends and to develop skill in various sports. The swimming pool, bowling alleys, rifle range and game room are only a few of the facilities available for your use.

We hope that you will become an enthusiastic participant in WRA.

—Virginia Miller  
WRA President

Girls Assume Part In Thespian Shows

Thespians, campus musical organization, did not admit women until 1926. However, there was one exception—during the World War I man-power shortage, women were cast in the March 1918 show, "It Pays to Advertise."

"On account of war conditions, it has been necessary for women to take the place of men in the female roles and the management hopes the audience will note how satisfactorily the women do the work of men in these difficult parts. Verily, the war works wonderful changes!"

Dorms and Cottages House Women; Lounges Provide Temporary Quarters

Housing space for the 1982 women students now enrolled at the College who will be housed on campus will be provided this year not only by the five women's dormitories previously used, but by McElwain Hall and seven cottages as well.

In spite of the new units available temporary housing in the playroom of Grange Memorial Dormitory and in the second floor lounges of Atherton Hall is being used. Mrs. Cordelia Hibbs, women's housing coordinator and assistant to the dean of women, has stated that this measure is only a temporary one and girls making their homes in these spaces will be given permanent room assignments as soon as possible.

Atherton Hall

Freshman women will be housed in Frances Atherton Hall and Elm Cottage. Built in 1938, Atherton has facilities to comfortably house over 500 coeds. The dormitory is located on the corner of East College avenue and Shortlidge road.

Atherton Hall contains four first-floor lounges, decorated in different color schemes, which are located on either side of the entrance. Offices of the hostesses are located in the east and west ends of the building. Each room is provided with a private telephone. Two large dining rooms serve cafeteria style, accommodating a greater number of diners.

Incoming sophomores will be given rooms in one unit of McElwain Hall, newest ultra-modern girls' dormitory and one unit of Simmons Hall, the entire housing space in McAllister Hall, Women's Building and Hemlock, Pine, Oak, Spruce and Maple cottages.

Womens Building

Women's Building, called the Ladies' Cottage when built in 1890; took care of the dormitory and classroom needs of all women living on campus at that time. The upper floors were used as sleeping quarters, the main floor including the laboratories and classrooms for the department of domestic science. A gymnasium was located in the basement where the girls attended their physical

education classes. Recently enlarged, the building will now house sophomores.

McAllister Hall, on Pollock road, was built as a men's dormitory in 1904 and was taken over by women students in 1915. The dining room seats all girls living in Grange and Women's Building in addition to the 133 women living in McAllister. There is a hostess apartment on the second floor, an assistant hostess having quarters on the fourth floor.

Juniors, Seniors

Living quarters for juniors and seniors will be provided by McElwain Hall and Simmons Hall. McElwain, newest of the two units and recently completed, will house students for the first time, while this will be the second year in which women have been housed in Simmons.

Junior transfers and all girls planning to live in the home management house part of the semester or planning to practice teaching will live in Grange Memorial Hall. Grange, opened in the Fall of 1929, was partly financed by the State Grange. A main lounge is located on the first floor, a playroom, kitchenette, and laundry in the basement.

Sixteen of the 19 sorority suites will be located in McElwain and Simmons Halls and the remaining three will be housed in Grange Dormitory.

The present Woman's Building was originally called the Ladies' Cottage when erected in 1888.

McAllister Hall was a men's dormitory until it was converted for women's used in 1915.

Coeds Relax, Entertain Selves At Mary Beaver White Hall

Mary Beaver White Hall, or more familiarly, White Hall, was built with the relaxation and enjoyment of the coed in view.

Constructed in 1938, this red brick building at the southeastern end of the campus not only houses women's physical education and recreation classes, but also offers recreational facilities for the individual, as well as clubs and organizations.

Coeds... Then and Now

It was in 1872 that Ellen A Cross Copp of Janesville, Wis., the first coed at the College was graduated. She is believed to be the first woman in this country to be ordained into the ministry. Previously she had qualified for a doctor philosophy degree, and was the first woman to earn this distinction.

Mrs. Copp was brought to the College by Dr. James Calder, president at that time, who believed in co-education. Her principle studies were Greek and chemistry.

Just 66 years ago in 1883 if a gentleman wished to call or accompany a young lady he had first to present a request to the Lady Principal.

But the young lady had her say, also, and before our hero could meet the coed of his dreams, she had to present a request to receive him to the Lady Principal. Even after all this trouble, our young student friend and his blushing coed could only see each other in the Ladies' Parlor between 6:45 and 7 p. m., daily except Sunday.

The strictness of these rules must have been interfering with the academic work of both the women and men students, because in a very few years the dating code was altered slightly. Permission was still required and the Lady Principal chaperoned all parlor dates, but a coed could remain with her beau until 10:15 Friday night, 8 p. m. Sunday, and 9 p. m. during the week. Gentlemen needed written permission from the College President to accompany ladies beyond the building doors.

It was strictly tabu in those days for young ladies to communicate by voice or note out of windows or by rapping on the steam pipe. (That was when both coeds and men shared the same dormitory—Old Main.) Rules, then were faculty-made and the present luxury of Atherton, Simmons, and McElwain Halls, with a telephone in every room, was unheard of.

In 1883 studying was strictly regulated by the faculty. Young ladies could not study in the parlor; visit or receive visits in the parlor or elsewhere during study hours. No coeds could study in the rooms of other coeds.

Violations of these rules were treated like absences from recitations or public exercises. If a young lady met visitors or communicated via window or steam

A large gymnasium in the center of the building contains enough room for three basketball games to be played simultaneously. This room is also used for badminton and indoor tennis.

Modern Dance

To the left of the gym is the rhythm room where classes in rhythmic fundamentals, modern dance, and square dance are taught. Each spring the Modern Dance concert is held here.

Beside this room is the playroom which is open to students at all times. Here, ping pong and bridge facilities are located. At the other end of the building is a large classroom and body mechanics room.

The 135,000 gallon swimming pool, 75 feet long and from 3 to 10 feet deep, is open to coeds for plunge hours where they may swim to recorded music. Newly sanded and painted, it will be closed for two weeks.

White Hall offers women students two bowling alleys, a shuffleboard deck, a squash court, indoor rifle range, and a fencing room.

Officers

Also housed in the building are the officers of the women's physical education department, a large lounge, and the meeting rooms of the Women's Student Government Association and the Women's Recreation Association.

New full-time staff members are Ruth McPeeter, a graduate of Beaver College; Jacque Zivic, a graduate of the College; and Frieda Phillips, from the University of Nebraska.

White Hall is open from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. every day except Sunday.

pipes, she received 50 censure marks and an official admonition from the Lady Principal, who also notified her parents. A second offense placed the culprit on probation.

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