

Lucky Contest Winner . . .

# Dream Comes True; Coed Goes to Cuba

By LIX NEWELL

Most of us just dream about taking trips to the romantic countries that we read and hear about, but here's one girl who wanted to and did.

Phyllis Kalson, 20-year-old junior majoring in journalism, entered a contest in which she had to finish a sentence concerning a style of bathing suit manufactured by a California concern. She finished the sentence so well that she won a trip to Havana, Cuba.

"It's a wonderful place to go if you've got lots and lots of money to spend, but it's even better if you spend someone else's money. All I did was sign my name to checks for \$8 dinners and to my room bill," Phyllis commented.

### No Traffic Lights

Flying from Pittsburgh to Havana, Phyllis arrived there on Dec. 27. "Customs can certainly make a mess of a suitcase," she said.

Leaving the Hotel Nacional de Cuba, where she stayed during her four-day vacation, Phyllis walked down the street and was met by street salesmen at every step. "Someone warned me to bargain with them," she said, "or I probably would have paid the exorbitant prices they asked." "No" seems to be a word they have never heard.

A characteristic of the West Indies is the lack of traffic lights. The honking of horns is constant, because when two cars come to right angles, the one that honks first has the right of way. Phyllis laughed as she said, "They drive like they were driving scooters in an amusement park."

### Fabulous Prices

Taxi drivers do not have uniform prices, any more than do other salesmen. It's possible to pay \$5 for a ride one day and get the same ride for 50 cents the next. "You can rent a cab for the whole day for \$30, which is the best way to do it," she said.

The salesmen speak English fluently, but the only English that children know are words like money, penny, dime, and quarter. When they see an American they run up and hold out their hands, asking for money. "I was amazed at the value of the American dollar," Phyllis said. "Everyone seems to want it."

Prices were fabulous, she said. The lowest priced sandwich at the hotel was \$2. A coke cost 40 cents and a dish of ice cream 75 cents. This is the case because almost all the tourists are rich.

### Morro Castle

The most popular products are alligator articles, which are very inexpensive in comparison to prices in the United States, and liquor which is bought as one would buy an article of clothing. Just as women try on many hats, Cubans taste at least 15 liquors before making a choice.

Some of the places that Phyllis visited were Morro Castle, the Tropicana Night Club, and Sloppy Joe's Restaurant.

Morro Castle is a Spanish fortress which dates back to the 16th century. It is on an island along with the Cuban Army and Navy headquarters. The servicemen and their families live on the island. It resembles a small town. The Alcatraz of Cuba is also located there. The battleship Maine was sunk off the coast of this island. Morro Castle is made completely of stone and meets the usual

castle requirements of having dungeons and holes in the walls for cannons.

A gambling room, legal in Cuba, is one of the attractions of the Tropicana. The floor show was strictly Cuban, Phyllis said. There were no injections of Americanism at all.

Sloppy Joe's serves good food at less expensive prices than the hotel and is the "hang-out" for all the movie stars.

### Two Pools

Sidewalk cafes line every street and each one has a little band. This isn't as ear-bending as it might seem, she said, because the cafes which are side by side take turns playing. The orchestras play only rhumbas and mambos.

"After spending the last day just lounging by one of the two hotel swimming pools, and having my lunch brought to me at a table, I flew back to Miami," Phyllis ended, "and I certainly advocate entering contests."

## WSGA Turns Frosh Problem Over to Dean

Enforcement of the rule prohibiting freshman women from entering fraternity houses was turned over to the administration by the Women's Student Government Association Senate Wednesday night.

The resolution prepared by an investigating committee headed by Esther Beck stated that since WSGA did not make the rule and would have difficulty in enforcing it, enforcement should be turned over to the Dean of Women's office to be enforced as the administration sees fit.

Speakers for the Eastern Intercollegiate Association of Women Students convention to be held from April 23 to 26 at the College include President Milton S. Eisenhower; Christine Conaway, Dean of Women at Ohio State University; and Ann Guthrie, national secretary of Girls Friendly Society, and United Nations reporter for the Christian Science Monitor.

Virginia Miller, convention chairman, announced that JoAn Lee will take her place while she is student teaching.

Lila Barnes was appointed to replace Miss Beck as senior senator. Miss Beck is graduating this month.

Louise Glud has been named to assist Robin Brunner in planning a community sing for next semester.

Yvonne Carter, WSGA vice president, announced that upper-class women will receive 11 o'clock permissions during finals, and first semester freshman women will have 10 o'clock permissions.

## Co-Edits

### Phi Mu

Newly elected officers of Phi Mu are Joan Deeg, president; Jean Berg, vice president; Betty Seltzer, recording secretary; Anne Jennings, corresponding secretary; Jean Roseberger, treasurer; Janet Horger, rush chairman; Elizabeth Duda, pledge director; Sandra Post, registrar; Dorothy Pfahler, scholarship chairman; and Jean Truxal, historian.

The sorority held a waffle party Saturday night to honor its pledges.

### Pi Kappa Alpha

Recently elected officers of Pi Kappa Alpha are Edward Shanken, president; Walter Saxe, vice president; Richard Smith, secretary; William Potts, treasurer; Joseph Duich, house manager; Harry McFerran, social chairman; Ralph Heister and Richard Smith, co-historians; Walter Few, pledge master; Richard Schaefer, sergeant at arms; John Brocius, publicity coordinator; Thomas Fleming, Inter-Fraternity Council representative; and Harry McFerran, David Swanson, Walter Few, and William Harral, executive board.

### Pi Kappa Phi

Richard Hamilton has been elected house manager of Pi Kappa Phi, and William Borst caterer for the coming semester.

Ralph Clemens was appointed social chairman.

### Alpha Chi Omega

Newly elected officers of Alpha Chi Omega are Margaret Hepler, president; Carolyn Green, first vice president; Nancy Showers, second vice president; Patricia Blaney, recording secretary; Shirley Bush, corresponding secretary; Virginia McMillin, treasurer; Janet Moxley, Panhellenic Council representative; Marion Morgan, editor; and Patricia Sechler, warden.

### 4 Colleges to Attend WRA Sports Day

Four colleges have accepted invitations to the Women's Recreation Association's Sports Day, to be held Feb. 23 at the College, Jane Whitney, Sports Day chairman, announced.

Bucknell University, Juniata College, Lock Haven State Teachers College, and Mansfield State Teachers College will send teams to the College.

WRA will hold open house Feb. 1 at White Hall for new women on campus.

### Dean Weston Returns

Pearl O. Weston, dean of women, expects to return to her office Monday, she said yesterday.

Dean Weston's ankle, which was broken before vacation, is now in a cast. She has been working in her McElwain Hall apartment since returning to State College Wednesday.

## Sophomores Claim WRA Title with 31-18 Win

By NORMA ZEHNER

The Sophomores claimed the interclass basketball crown as they blasted the Freshmen 31-18 last night in White Hall.

The Juniors became runnerups after walloping the Seniors 29-17. The champs have a two win and one tie record. The Juniors, who were champions last year, have a win, a tie, and a loss. The Seniors and Freshmen recorded a win and two losses each.

The Sophomores were never troubled throughout the game as they steadily increased their first period seven point lead to a 13 point game margin. Accurate trick shots from their high scoring forward, Gert Hooper, spelled downfall for the Freshmen. Hooper took two other honors for the Sophomores by taking the highest individual evening score, 24 points, which she tallied last night, and the scoring honors for the tournament with her total of 46 for the four games.

The Junior-Senior tilt proved to be the evening's best. With the lead changing hands often, it was not until the final quarter that the extra reserve power of the victors started pouring in long shots to make the margin safer and surer. The losers suffered from the excellent guarding that the Juniors produced. Chip Duda, of the Junior sextet, took her team's scoring honors with a total of 9. Nancy Jarden, from the losers, connected for 11 tallies.

The Army-Navy tilts begin Tuesday night. The teams will be composed of the outstanding players throughout the season as chosen by the team managers. The selections will be announced shortly.

### Grad to Speak Tonight

Alumnus Albert G. Hall, Class of '33, and editor of the "Journal of Forestry" and the Washington newsletter "What's Happening in Forestry," will speak tonight at the annual dinner of Xi Sigma Pi, forestry honorary.

## Engagements

### Rahm-Kinnier

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kinnier of Wyncote have announced the engagement of their daughter, Catherine, to David Rahm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rahm, also of Wyncote.

Miss Kinnier is a sophomore at Western Maryland and is majoring in biology.

Mr. Rahm is a junior majoring in geography and is a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

The wedding is set for June.

### Ray-Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilson of North Heath, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jocelyn, to William Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blair E. Ray of Altoona.

Miss Wilson is a freshman in home economics. Mr. Ray is a graduate student in metallurgy.

A summer wedding is planned.

### Fitting-Kimble

Mrs. Hilda L. Kimble of Philadelphia has announced the engagement of her daughter, Jeanne, to Howard Fitting, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fitting of Doylestown.

Miss Kimble is a senior in elementary education.

Mr. Fitting was graduated from the College in mechanical engineering last June. He is now employed by the Standard Pressed Steel Co. in Jenkintown.

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