

Sororities Struggled For Present Status

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Sororities, which are now a natural part of our college life, had very limited and often depressing starts before they arrived at their present standing.

The privileges of present sorority women are the result of insistent and repeated petitioning to the reluctant, but ultimately yielding, administration. Nita-Nee Campus Club, first local sorority on campus, was granted permission to organize by a committee on student welfare in 1921.

Requirements set by the committee were that no Greek letters could be used in the name, and no undergraduate elected or pledged until her second year.

More Clubs Form

The club was chartered to exist only until spring, 1924, when the entire women's student body would vote whether the club would continue.

Following the vote the committee was to recommend whether or not the club's should continue. This started the ball rolling, and soon there were four additional clubs, Sychor Club, Areté, La Cameraderie, and Allost.

When a vote was taken and open discussions were conducted in 1924, those in favor said the clubs increased opportunity for social life and training, strengthened the bonds between alumnae and undergraduates, and created high ideals of conduct and character.

Given Permission to Continue

Non-club members believed many women were left out of social activities, and said these women were hindered in the development of their full resources of leadership.

With these reports and the dean of women's recommendation, clubs were given permission to continue until spring, 1927, when there was to be another vote. In the meantime, clubs were forbidden to seek charters from national sororities.

In 1926, five existing groups petitioned the student welfare committee for permission to apply for national membership. That June the committee recommended to Senate that permission be granted, and formal action was taken.

Three More Installed

Early in the fall of 1926, Allost Club was installed as a chapter of Chi Omega and thus became the first national sorority on campus. It continued to be the only national sorority during three years of petitioning by other groups.

In 1929 three more national sororities were installed on campus. They were Theta Phi Alpha (Omicron Eta), Alpha Omicron Pi (Aretes), and Phi Mu (Trestella).

Delta Gamma (La Cameraderie) and Kappa Kappa Gamma (Sychor) were established in 1930. They were followed by Kappa Alpha Theta (Nita-Nee), Alpha Chi Omega (Oread) and Gamma Phi Beta (Baodelphia).

The Campus Club Council, which formulated rushing rules and struggled with various problems, was replaced by the Panhellenic Association in 1930 when the number of nationals exceeded the locals.

Rushing Expenses Limited

The rushing code established in 1934 called for a formal rushing period of three days at the opening of the second semester. No personal rushing involving expenditure of money was allowed. The period included one informal entertainment and one formal entertainment on the last night. Sororities were each permitted to spend \$30 for each rushing season, which is half the present allowance. As is done now, bids were accepted by use of preferential ballots.

Since 1922 the Penn State women's enrollment has increased from 300 to about 2500 and there are at present 20 national sororities. The size of an active chapter in 1930 was from 15 to 25 and now is limited to 50.

Prof on Committee

Margaret C. Raabe, assistant professor of clinical speech, has been named by the superintendent of public instruction to a committee to revise Bulletin 421, "Meeting the Needs of the Acoustically Handicapped Child."

Engagements

Schmidt-Koidanov

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Koidanov of Uniontown announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah, to Dr. Leonard Schmidt, son of Mrs. Max Schmidt of Pittsburgh.

Miss Koidanov is an eighth semester journalism major. She is a member of Alpha Epsilon Phi and Theta Sigma Phi, women's honorary journalism fraternity. Dr. Schmidt is an optometrist.

Jeffries-Phelps

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Phelps of San Francisco, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elouise, to Ensign George Jeffries, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jeffries of State College.

Miss Phelps is a senior at the University of California and a member of Gamma Phi Beta. Mr. Jeffries was graduated from the College last June in commerce and finance. He is a member of Delta Upsilon and Delta Sigma Pi. He was commissioned as Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I., in October, and is now on active duty aboard a Navy tanker in the Far East.

Vandegrift-Luyben

Mr. and Mrs. August M. Luyben of Zieglerville announce the engagement of their daughter, Joanne, to Ensign Robert Vandegrift, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Vandegrift of Williamsport.

Both Miss Luyben and Ensign Vandegrift are graduates of the College. Miss Luyben is a member of Phi Mu, Phi Kappa Phi, and Chimes. She is teaching kindergarten in Allentown. Ensign Vandegrift is a member of Acacia. He is stationed at the Brooklyn Naval Yard.

Ellis-Campbell

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Campbell of Slippery Rock announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to James Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Ellis of New Kensington.

Miss Campbell is a fourth semester music education major and a member of Beta Sigma Omicron. Mr. Ellis, a sixth semester civil engineering major, is a member of Sigma Phi Alpha.

Matrix Dinner Tickets

Deadline for the sale of reserved tickets for the Matrix Dinner is noon Tuesday at the Student Union desk in Old Main. Theta Sigma Phi, women's national professional journalism fraternity, has sent out 160 invitations to the dinner to be held at 6:15 p.m. April 20 at the Nittany Lion Inn. Tickets are \$2.75 a person.

Co-Edits

Aye Sees

The Aye See Colony of Pi Beta Phi recently initiated seven new members at a meeting with the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club.

Initiated into Aye See were Carole Bock, Mary Ambrosius, Sue Bryan, Patricia Collins, Marianne Herold, Cecilia Johns, and Shirley Kerr.

Guests at the initiation were Mrs. Anne McCracken, Mrs. Margaret Gluck, and Mrs. Ernestine Connor, hostesses at McElwain Hall; Mary C. Brewer, and Mrs. Cordelia L. Hibbs, assistants to the dean of women; and Dean of Women Pearl O. Weston.

Beaver House

Newly-elected officers of Beaver House are Edwin Geasa, president; Thomas Sarson, vice president; Duane Beals, treasurer; Anthony Mattos, house manager; Robert Carr, caterer; and Donald Zern, secretary.

John Goshorn was the recipient of the Alumni Association achievement award for the fall semester.

Collegian Seeks Society News

The Daily Collegian society page is seeking information about engagements or marriages of students or graduates of the College which took place during the spring vacation.

Students may leave information in the Daily Collegian office on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall.

Information should include the names, semesters, majors, and important campus activities of the students, names of both students' parents, and their home towns.

Lecture-Dance To Be Given

Charles Weidman, dance impressionist and mime, will appear at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Little Theater, basement of Old Main, for a lecture-demonstration on the relation of the dance to drama.

Free tickets are available at the dramatics office in the Green Room of Schwab Auditorium.

Sponsored by Theta Alpha Phi, national dramatics fraternity, Weidman will appear without his troupe. He was seen on campus last summer with his theater dance company in the Artist Series programs.

Weidman has done the choreography for the Broadway shows, "Sing Out, Sweet Land," "Of Thee I Sing," and "The Barrier." He has also staged ballets for the New York City Center Opera Co.

Home Ec School Sets Fashion Show

The School of Home Economics will sponsor a fashion show April 17 as part of the fifth annual School of Home Economics Spring Weekend.

One chapter of the fashion show will feature original creations by famous designers, including a green Fath coat, a Christian Dior grey flannel suit with the new tulip silhouette, a Desses multicolor draped chiffon, and a grey Balmain suit. There also will be four original Italian imports.

Following this, medium and lower priced clothes with similar style features will be modeled to demonstrate how these are patterned after the originals.

Coeds will model in the show.

Clothing made by students in home economics classes will also be included in the show.

Pi Phi Officer Visits Aye Sees

The Aye See Colony of Pi Beta Phi entertained Mrs. Paul Hanson, national director for the extension of Pi Beta Phi, March 30-31.

Mrs. Hanson conferred with the Aye Sees and the advisory board of the Alumni Club and addressed the group on the responsibility of pioneering a new chapter.

A tea was given in her honor by the Aye Sees and alumnae.

Beta Sigma Omicron

Beta Sigma Omicron and Triangle recently held their pledge dance, Blue Champagne, at the Triangle house.

Music was provided by the Starliners. A silver back drop behind the orchestra and a false blue ceiling covered with stars and silhouettes of champagne goblets carried out the theme.

Pledges of Beta Sigma Omicron that were honored were Dawn Beidler, Gail Cravener, Nancy Morris, Grace Thomas, Elizabeth Tomlinson, Nancy Troland, and Irene Wurst.

Pledges of Triangle are Joseph Bitner, William Happerstett, Robert P. Jones, Ronald Leshner, Bert Oberg, John O'Hara, Robert Osborne, David Shoop, and Paul Whipkey.

Gamma Phi Beta

Gamma Phi Beta recently entertained Alpha Chi Omega and Chi Omega at a party in the Grange playroom. After refreshments were served, there was group singing.

University Women To Hear UN Official

Mrs. Austin P. Evans of New York City will address the State College branch of the American Association of University Women at a dinner meeting at 6:15 tonight at the Autoport, Mrs. William N. Leonard, program chairman, has announced.

"The United Nations and the Status of Women Commission" will be discussed by Mrs. Evans, who is serving as a consultant of the liaison committee of Women's International Organizations at the United Nations.

Mrs. Evans will explain the work of the Status of Women Commission of the UN. All representatives to the commission are women, and discussion of the body is devoted to the interests of women over the world. The commission makes recommendations to the Economic and Social Council, which, if approved, are passed on to the General Assembly for consideration, Mrs. Leonard said.

A past president of the New York State Division of the AAUW, Mrs. Evans is the second representative of the International Federation of University Women to the Women's International Organizations, a group of 12 organizations.

Members may make dinner reservations for themselves and guests with Mrs. R. R. Kountz.

Phi Beta Kappa

Faculty members and graduate students who are members of Phi Beta Kappa chapters are invited to participate in the activities of the local chapter, Lambda. Names may be submitted to Teresa Cohen, president, 213 Sparks; Ruth Honey, secretary, 107 Home Economics or to any member of the local chapter.

Marriages

Barker-Packard

Elaine Packard, daughter of Daniel A. Packard of Detroit, Mich., and the late Irene W. Packard, became the bride of Richard Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard William Barker of Benner Pike, at the Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, Saturday.

The bridegroom was graduated from the College in 1951 and is a junior in the law school at the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Barker attended Liggett School in Detroit and was graduated from Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills in 1951. She is now attending the University of Michigan and is a member of Chi Omega.

\$1500 Is Awarded To Art Instructor

A second prize of \$1500 has been awarded to "Veiled Bouquet," a painting by Hobson Pittman, Philadelphia artist, critic, and summer instructor of oil painting at the College since 1932. The award was made at the 23d biennial exhibition of American art at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Be Smart under the Summer Sun



Fabrics make fashion headlines. Don't miss seeing the new A.B.C. Quinkle, a cotton seersucker that looks like linen. It resists wrinkling and requires no ironing—truly the ideal fabric for summer sportswear. And the denims, so popular last year are even more popular this spring. Other fashion fabrics are polished chambrays (perfect for sundresses), gingham and seersuckers. Whatever the garment Egolfs' will help you select a fabric that says fashion and means economy.

Select your pattern from Vogue, Butterick or Advance. The new books show many styles of shorts, slacks, sundresses, and beach coats.

And if you start sewing now — you'll be ready for the first summer sun.

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