

# Sororities Lived in Houses As Late as 10 Years Ago

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First of a Series

Once upon a time sorority women could use a term now reserved for fraternity men. This term was HOUSE.

In fact just ten years ago several sororities were living in cottages now used for faculty offices and miscellaneous purposes.

In the early days of the Pennsylvania State College the cottages, which are gradually giving way to larger construction, were faculty homes. When faculty members moved out in the 1920's, the cottages were used as dormitories for women students.

At about the same time, women's social clubs were developing. These social clubs were the forerunners of sororities. In 1921 the first social club was recognized and granted a charter by the Committee on Student Welfare. This group was known as Nita-Nee Campus Club, now Kappa Alpha Theta.

Four other groups were soon granted their charters: Sychor (Kappa Kappa Gamma), Arete (Alpha Omicron Pi), La Camaraderie (Delta Gamma) and Alfost (Chi Omega).

The Dean of Women, Charlotte E. Ray, realized a problem in the housing of these groups. The first step was taken in the summer of 1928 when the first five sororities (known as clubs) were assigned to cottages.

The sororities had full time chaperones who were usually teachers, secretaries or graduate students. The seniors could receive callers until 10:30 p.m. on weekends. Sophomores and juniors could receive callers in the afternoon. The telephone curfew was 8 p.m.

Dean Ray, who had worked closely with the coeds in the campus club formation, wrote in the February 1930 issue of the Penn State Alumni News that the main problem the clubs faced was finding suitable housing.

She mentioned that investigations were made into similar situations on other campuses and that lodges were successfully used at Swarthmore and Randolph-Macon. Each social group had a small lodge especially equipped for social and business meetings. Sometimes these lodges were separate units of larger buildings.

Dean Ray cited two advantages of social and business lodge: they could be maintained at a low cost and the students could enjoy the full opportunities of large dormitory living and yet have a fraternity or sorority center.

The ideas Dean Ray expressed in 1930 closely parallel the circumstances under which sororities exist today.

### Prof to Address BusAd Grad Club

Dr. A. L. Rodgers, associate professor of geography, will talk on "A Geographic Study of an Industrial Port" to the College of Business Administration Graduate Club at 8 tonight at Zeta Beta Tau.

The material for his talk was gathered while he was doing a research project in Genova, Italy. A Business meeting at 7:30 will immediately precede the talk.

### Metallurgy Seminar

The Metallurgy Seminar will meet at 4:10 this afternoon in 317 Willard to hear Dr. W. A. Weyl, professor of glass technology, speak on "Surface Chemistry."

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## Riding With Star Can Be Pleasant When You Know It

Riding in a taxi with a celebrity can be a pleasant experience.

But Ellen Ganapol, sophomore in elementary education from Waverly, N.Y., didn't know she was sitting with a celebrity when she rode from the Lewistown station to the Lewistown Hotel Sunday. It was not until she happened to mention that she was going to State College that she discovered that Rise Stevens was in the same cab.

"Miss Stevens is going to sing at State College this evening," the mezzo-soprano's agent said. Hearing this, Miss Ganapol turned a deep scarlet and tried to make up for her blunder. "My father is a fan of yours," she said, "and I learned in Music 5 that you are a mezzo-soprano."

Arriving at the hotel, Miss Ganapol tried to pay for her cab fare, but it had already been taken care of—by Miss Stevens.

"I felt sort of out of it," Miss Ganapol said. "There I was sitting next to chic Rise Stevens and what was I wearing! Sneakers and a trench coat!"

## Williamson to Talk At Eng Seminar

Dr. Merritt A. Williamson, Dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, will discuss "The Faculty Environment to Optimize the Exposure of the Student to the Realm of Values" at a faculty seminar at 8 tonight in the main lounge of the Chapel.

This is the fourth of a series of five meetings treating the University's responsibilities in the realm of student values today. The College of Education, will Dr. John R. Rackley, dean of serve as chairman of the seminar.

## 'Club Hubanna' Wins Contest

Raymond Murphy, graduate student in guidance, won the name-the-Club-HUB contest this week with his suggestion of "Club Hubanna."

Following on this theme, the Hetzel Union ballroom will be transformed into a tropical atmosphere for the opening night of Club Hubanna, April 12.

Reservations at \$1.25 per couple for a table for the evening may be made at the HUB desk about a week before the opening night.

Murphy will receive a free reservation for two for Club Hubanna for submitting the winning entry.

## Women's Chorus To Meet Tonight

The Women's Chorus will meet at 7 tonight in the Hetzel Union assembly room for a dress rehearsal of Sunday's performance.

Members of the triple trio will rehearse at 6:15 tonight in the HUB assembly room.

Nominations for officers also will be held tonight.

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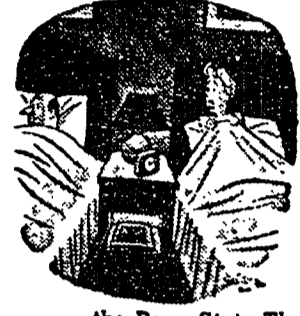
Dr. Frank I. Anthony, assistant professor of agricultural education, has been invited by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to attend the President's 10th anniversary conference on occupational safety to be held next Tuesday and Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

Around the theme — "Safety Conserves Manpower . . . Manpower Builds the Future" — the conference will consider methods of safeguarding the changing labor force against the emerging technological hazards of the Space Age.

Anthony is vice president of the Pennsylvania Rural Council

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