

French House Offers Diversified Activities

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The girls in the French House, a wing of Simmons Hall, speak French in the corridors, at their meetings, and even singing in the shower in French.

Girls interested in joining this group are invited to the French House tea at 2 p.m. Sunday in 213 Simmons. According to President Marsha Cornelius (10th-French-Lewisburg), the qualifications for joining the French House are completion of French 1, 2 and 3 and willingness to speak French. (French majors are preferred).

The group, organized in 1962, is limited to 15 members and there are three places open for Winter Term, seven places for Spring, and several for next fall, Miss Cornelius said.

The French House is strictly an academic group, differing from a general interest group in that it provides the opportunity "to speak French in the natural atmosphere of everyday living," according to Miss Cornelius.

Objectives Listed

The objectives of the French House are to increase the members' fluency in speaking and understanding the French language and to increase their knowledge of the French culture and people according to their constitution.

Miss Cornelius explained that the weekly meetings vary from listening to records and entertaining French foreign students to seeing someone's slides of her visit to France. Twelve of the 14 present members have traveled or studied in France under various programs.

The French House has various activities during the year, such as picnics and get-togethers with French professors. For the first time this year,

the French House has a French native living with them and helping them with their accents. Bernadette Jouffret, a graduate student at the University, is here under the Fulbright program. She has completed four years of study at Montpellier University in France.

"Her living in the French House was largely made possible through the group's adviser, Miss Jeanne Le Blanc, and Dr. Gerard Braut, head of the French Department," Miss Cornelius said.

Non-Credit Studies

Miss Jouffret's studies here will not be for credit in France, she explained. She will continue studies when she returns to France and eventually become an English teacher there.

She teaches one complete section of French 304 here and parts of sections of 305 and 306. She has previously taught French in Scotland and has traveled through most of Europe.

Miss Jouffret said that the French House is a "good idea." She dines with the members and enjoys helping them with their accents, she explained.

Arriving in the United States less than a month ago, Miss Jouffret said that she has not been at the University long enough to give her opinion of it. She was surprised at the contrast between the University and Montpellier, from where she graduated as an English major in 1966.

Main Difference

One main difference that she described was the campus. Her university was spread throughout a large city and she commented that the students seemed more independent there. There were no advisers, and the only clubs were language clubs.

"Life is only youth here — you don't see very old people, you see only young people," she commented.

Miss Jouffret, who has also studied Spanish, hopes to improve her accents here. Her home is near Nîmes, France.

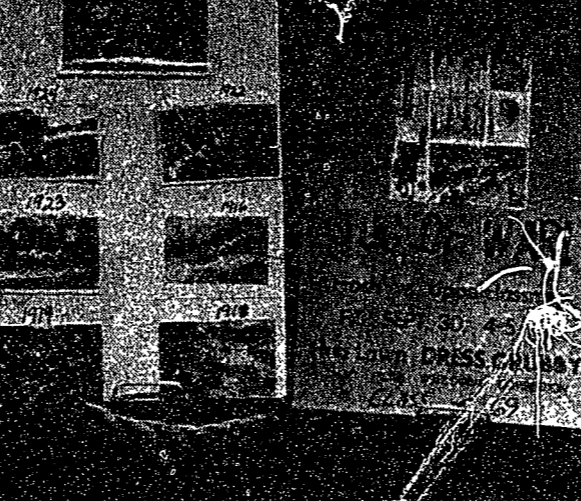
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Students at the University are reminded that today is the last day to file applications for the Selective Service College Qualification Test to be administered at the University and elsewhere on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19.

Application forms and information bulletins are available at the main desk, Hetzel Union Building.

Room assignments for the examination will be posted prior to the dates of the test.

Students are reminded that those who previously have taken the examination are not eligible to take it again.



ON DISPLAY AT PATTEE is the record of the recent tug-of-war between the upperclassmen and freshmen. The display was set up by the Sophomore Class to commemorate the resurrection of the traditional contest. Also shown are pictures of past contests.

Penn State Room Display "Tug-O-War" Tokens Preserved in Pattee

An account of this fall's Orientation Week "Tug-o-War," revived by the class of '69, is now on permanent display among the memorabilia in the Penn State Room.

Located on the top floor of Pattee Library, the Penn State Room contains a poster announcing the event, a picture, The Daily Collegian story, and a piece of the rope. Ross Lehman, editor of "Alumni News," recommended that this be added to the other displays from the University's history.

"It's a real honor for a class to bring back a tradition," commented Jon Fox, president of the class of '69 and chairman of the customs committee.

The Tug-o-War had been dead for 20 years before its September 30 comeback. The orientation committee decided to continue the program next year because of its success this year, Fox said.

"As head of the customs program, I felt that it helped to make that evening's song and cheers program a lot more spirited," he added.

With Fox as referee, the freshmen, who outnumbered the upperclassmen two to one, won both rounds. The rope covered the entire width of the Hetzel Union lawn, where

the competition was held.

One tree still has a piece of bark missing where some contestant had allegedly wrapped the rope around the tree, using it as an extra teammate. Fox said there is still a question of who cheated.

In previous years, the tug-o-war was between the freshmen and sophomores. This year's tug-o-war included freshmen versus all upperclassmen. Many groups sent representatives to participate.

Fox said that the following improvements over last year's customs program were made this year:

- Approximately 2200 dinks were sold.
- New rules and regulations were adopted. The freshmen were asked to learn 25 facts and figures about the University, including legends and important names. Upperclassmen were allowed to say "Button Frosh," so that freshmen would tip their dinks and say "hello."
- There were inter-dorm song and cheer competitions and competitions between residence areas.
- Information stations were set up on Orientation Sunday.—Jean Firser

Grad Women's Scientific Group Plans Meeting

Sigma Delta Epsilon, graduate women's scientific fraternity will sponsor a coffee hour society at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, in the Human Development Building-Living Center.

Faculty women in scientific fields and all women graduate students in scientific curricula are cordially invited to attend.

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