

Coed of the Week . . .

AWS Prexy Specializes in Riding At El Rancho Jose y Sur Chiquito

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Drop in some clear sunny day at the Rancho San Jose y Sur Chiquito near Carmel, California; hitch yourself up on the high corral fence and wait for "Mick" Riley to ride in tall and lean in a pair of old blue jeans, slant-heeled cowboy boots, her fair hair wind-blown and her hazel eyes sparkling. She'll drop from the saddle of one of the horses she herself has broken and give you that gay smile which suits a Kappa Alpha Theta house vice-president as much as it does the real rancher that Mary Riley, president of AWS, is.

The Riley ranch which still retains the original name given to the old Spanish land grant, stretches over 3000 acres of California land from the sandy shore of the Pacific into the foothills of the mountains. Born in 1924 at Berkeley, Calif., Mick has lived here all her life and it is the kind of life that easterners write books about and westerners dream about. An excellent horsewoman, the tall Theta has helped her family raise stock horses, ridden them in shows, and participated in rodeos. Last summer she stayed home and worked literally—helping bale hay and riding after cattle.

Monterey

In Monterey high school, Mick was active in club work, school social and political affairs.

"Five of the kids in school talked me into coming up here to school with them. I'm the only one left now," she grinned. But Mick's three years at Oregon have been full of activity. A junior majoring in sociology, she has been a member of Kwama, Phi Theta Upsilon, worked for the YWCA, assembly committee, and the student handbook committee. Always interested in sports, she has swum with the Amphibians, played on the all-star basketball team, and enjoyed many games of tennis and golf on the side.

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"Ask any of the kids at the house what my hobby is and they'll tell you photography," said Mick, sitting on a bench in the library after being interrupted for the interview. "I just love it, and I've taken pictures of all the events I've been able to get to with my camera. My scrap books have been thumbed through by everyone there!"

One of the best all-around coeds Oregon has to represent the woman enrollment, Mick is planning to enter personnel work when she graduates.

"I almost joined the WAVES a little while ago but finally I decided to graduate. Afterwards I may still join and go into personnel work in the service. It really all depends on how the war turns out by that time."

Asked whether the personnel work might not interfere with her interest in ranching, Mick admitted that she did not know but that she "likes to work with people, anyway."

will start the work with plans already mapped out in advance. The blueprints are ready:

"We are planning to begin a Fresh Council program this summer which we hope will help orientate freshman girls arriving on the campus in September. There has been some criticism of the present system and many suggestions have been made for improvement. With the fine council I have to work with I feel confident that next year will be another successful one in the history of AWS.

"The girls will be given an opportunity for closer personal contact with their advisers, and we are planning to select ten girls from each living organization who will be counsellors to the newcomers." And it looks like hard-working, courteous, friendly Mick Riley will see her hopes come true next year.

Two summers ago Mick went to Annapolis for June Week and spent some time in Washington, D. C., and other points east.

"Oh yes, it was fun and it was exciting," she said, "but I like the West and I'd rather live down in Carmel on the ranch than anywhere else."

Next Year

Next year when Mick returns to the campus to take on the new responsibilities of president of the Associated Woman Students she



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