

# Emerald Women's Page

## Mary Corrigan Sees Niches for Every Coed

By MARGUERITE WITWER

"There's a niche in the 'Y' for every girl on the campus; just the place she's always been looking for," Mary Corrigan, newly-elected YWCA president said emphatically. "The program we are planning for next year will provide for the interests of every coed, acquainting all students with the friendly spirit and good-fellowship always to be found at the 'Y' bungalow."

Mary Corrigan is the dark-haired, bright-eyed woman with the wide grin who is usually only seen for a short time in any one place because she covers so many places in so few hours. "Hi!" she'll say, and suddenly she'll be off again with a quick, "Be seen' you, chick!" thrown over her shoulder. And Meri, as she is known to most of the campus, is also the woman who will always be there when she is needed, ready and able to help almost anyone with anything. "What's your trouble, chum," she'll ask, "Anything I can do?"

Mary Corrigan is always starting something. On a fine Saturday morning when the women in the house want to sleep she'll climb into a pair of jeans and a much-too-big plaid shirt and yell, "Come on, you kids, let's hitch hike up to Seymour ranch!"

### Passion for Poetry

"I've got a passion for picnics and long hikes in the woods," she admits, "and for T. Dorsey records—swoon—and (blushing) for poetry, would you think it?" Watching mile-a-minute Meri running around to committee meetings and rolling up a neat honor roll GPA, one wouldn't suspect the passion for poetry, but it is obvious that she thrives on action and "interesting people to work with and play with."

"Pseudo-sophisticates" are Meri's pet peeve and she proves her own well-rounded personality by her list of hobbies: photography, riding, ice-skating and souvenir collecting. Twenty-year-old Miss Corrigan graduated from Sacred Heart academy in 1942. She was student body president in her senior year, yell queen for two years and active on the school paper and yearbook.

### Activity List

In her freshman year at the University Mary was co-chairman of the YWCA Nickel Hop, campus fund collector for Red Cross, and worked on the advertising staffs of the Emerald and Oregona.

As a sophomore she became secretary of Kwama, sophomore women's honorary, Gamma Alpha Chi, advertising honorary, was sophomore representative on the student-army coordinating board, campus dater for the Hello dance, worked on the Whiskerino and the Oregona.

Continuing her activity list as a junior she has been secretary of Phi Theta Upsilon, junior women's honorary, membership chairman of YWCA, and ticket chairman for Coed Capers.

A member of Sigma Kappa sorority, Miss Corrigan majors in sociology and plans to enter personnel work in industry after graduating next year.

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Sergeant: "Stop worrying, Messenjouskiwitzburgerhofer, there's no bullet with your name on it."

## Enthusiastic Gay Edwards Heads WAA

"The constitution formulated by the outgoing WAA cabinet gives us a definite pattern to work with," said Gay Edwards, newly-elected president of the women's athletic association, "but several amendments will probably be made."

Miss Edwards, who went on the WAA cabinet last spring as volleyball manager, is perking with ideas. All the plans for the coming year will be made at a retreat early in spring term. Rather than charge \$1 a year for membership, Miss Edwards said, the organization may raise the initiatory fee and thereby give life membership.

### More Eager

"We hope to make the house managers more a part of our organizations," the new president remarked. "We want them to attend meetings and carry home more enthusiasm and spirit. The representative won't necessarily have to be active in sports herself."

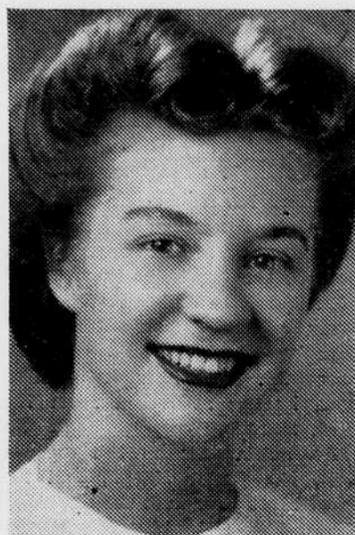
Intramurals and fun nights will be carried on as usual, and a play day is tentatively scheduled for this spring.

Slim and fair, with long, dark hair, Miss Edwards was program chairman for the WAA carnival in February, and is a member of the rally squad. She is a sophomore in liberal arts, and attended St. Mary's academy in Portland. Her favorite sports are swimming, tennis, and skiing; and her main dislike is cards.

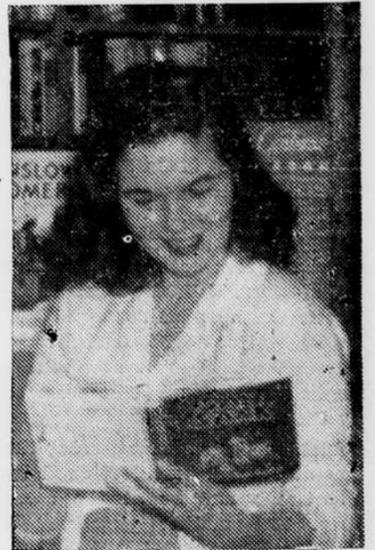
Small boy, seeing an Indian squaw and papoose for the first time: "Hey maw, look at the pistol-packin' mama with a rear gunner."



MARY CORRIGAN



SIGNE EKLUND



GAY EDWARDS

## New Prexy Outlines Future AWS Plans

By WINIFRED ROMTVEDT

Signe Eklund, new president of AWS, is enthusiastic over the organizations plans for the coming year. They are going to have more assemblies so that women students will understand AWS, and feel that they belong to a definite organization. They want women to become better acquainted with each other, and learn how to get into activities. AWS will encourage an all-campus committee on scholarship, continue with Coed Capers and exchange dinners, and seek more publicity for the University through worthwhile accomplishments.

And Miss Eklund, a 20-year-old junior in liberal arts, has been in enough activities on the campus to know what she is talking about. She is president of Phi Theta Upsilon, junior women's honorary, former secretary of AWS, former secretary of Phi Beta, member of the symposium team, chairman of the junior skit at this year's Coed Capers, and chapter marshal for Delta Delta Delta. A graduate of Grant high school in Portland, she has been active on the campus since she was a freshman.

### More Assemblies Planned

Assemblies will be utilized to introduce campus "big shots" to freshmen, and later to tell them how to get into activities. A meeting for the latter purpose probably will be held a month after school begins in the fall when students will be settled, and interested in activities, Miss Eklund said. Kwama and Phi Theta have

worked in freshman counseling this year, and through the knowledge of problems gained thereby the AWS may be able to advise and coordinate other groups in activity education.

The AWS lecture program used last year probably will be carried out to a greater extent, according to Miss Eklund. Outstanding women and authorities such as hair stylists and fashion designers will give talks sponsored by the AWS, who will seek greater attendance. Such lectures should create more interest in the AWS and at the same time be helpful to UO women.

### Coed Capers Set for Fall

Coed Capers will swing back to fall term again, the new president reported, to get freshmen acquainted with AWS, and provide funds to operate the organization, sponsor scholarships, and support war funds. Last year proceeds went to buy a bomber; this year, in addition to a war cause, two \$75 scholarships were given.

Because few students know how to apply for scholarships and because so many organizations have money available to grant, the AWS will encourage the organization of an all-campus committee on scholarships. Such a body, Miss Eklund said, would coordinate all scholarship funds, make all grants, and acquaint students with scholarship opportunities.

Mess cook: "The pork I get now makes better chicken salad than any veal I ever tasted."

## Spotlighting BWOC's...

Definitely BIG WOMEN ON CAMPUS, the three coeds pictured here were elected to their offices last term and are now being broken in for work next year. These are the coeds whose organizations will occupy prominent places in the spotlight of campus activities, and all University women are looking to them for leadership. Replacing Joan Dolph, Mary Corrigan will head the YWCA; Gay Edwards, stepping into the saddles of Mary Alice Lawson, will lead Oregon's svelte WAA sportsters, and Signe Eklund takes over the dignified position and respected gavel of the president of AWS, replacing Mary Riley.

## Campus Oldtimer Knows Science

Looking forward to the fiftieth anniversary and reunion of his graduation class next May, H. L. Robe, natural history museum attendant and a member of the class of 1895, recalls the days when Villard and Deady halls were the only buildings on the campus.

Mr. Robe, museum attendant since it was first established, is interested mainly in science. Although it has been over fifty years since he attended classes, Mr. Robe keeps well-informed on new scientific discoveries, reads the Smithsonian institute reports and knows all the information available on the articles displayed in the museum. It is his hope to see a new and larger museum established after the war.

One of the boys in Cliff Malli-coat's band tried to write a drinking song, but he couldn't get past the first two bars.

## AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF



Major Lyle J. Defenbaugh, Infantry, of Omaha, earned his Silver Star for gallantry in action in Tunisia. Under heavy machine gun fire aimed directly at his position, which silenced the radio, he disregarded all personal safety, and remained in full view of the enemy within close range to shout directions and orders to two of his companies. Our praise for his heroism is not enough, we must buy War Bonds and hold 'em.

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