

Women's Page

WAA President Plans Busy Year to End College Daze

By CONNIE JACKSON

Red headed Betty Jean "Bep" McCourry, president of the Women's Athletic Association, has a busy year ahead of her.

Psychology major, "Bep" says she had no idea that the most studying came the senior year. Mortar Board activities, as well as WAA and house activities, keep her on the run most of the time. She is activity chairman for the Delta Gamma house.

"Bep" got started in the WAA her freshman year, by going out for the house volleyball team, and then participating in other intra-mural sports. Her first cabinet position was golf chairman and from there she worked right on up.

She was special assignment reporter for the Emerald during her sophomore year and she also worked on the night staff.

Her interests are not confined to WAA alone for she has worked on committees by the dozen. Just to name a few, International Affairs Committee, Oregon Federation speaker, WSSF speaker coronation committee for Junior Weekend, co-chairman of the luncheon during AWS weekend, and co-chairman of the WAA carnival. She is a member of the Cosmopolitan Club, and a past Phi Theta.

Keeping scrapbooks is one of her

Senior Honorary Schedules Tentative Long-Range Plans

This year's 12 members of Mortar Board, senior women's service honorary, are already engaged in making both long range and immediate plans to serve the University and students, according to Nancy Peterson, president.

The big social event this year, as usual, will be the Mortar Board Ball, which is held at Mac court spring term. Mortar Board also gives a "Smarty Party" winter term for freshmen women who make exceptionally high grades during fall term.

There are only 12 members in Mortar Board this year, although there may be from five to twenty members according to the constitution. Qualifications for eligibility in Mortar Board are leadership, service, and high scholastic standing.

Girls are chosen from lists of outstanding junior women, submitted by professors, advisers of various clubs and service groups, house presidents, deans of the schools, student leaders, and the members of Mortar Board.

One large year-long project is sponsored by Mortar Board. The project for this year is still in the discussion stages and Miss Peterson declined to disclose yet what it will be.

A proposed get-together with Oregon State Mortar Boarders is under discussion also, said Miss Peterson. This meeting will probably take place after one of this winter's basketball games with OSC.

First assignment of the Navy's \$600,000 "mechanical brain" will be to Annapolis, where it will be taught not to speak unless spoken to by a superior officer.

main hobbies. She says she has just stacks of them. Also ranking as big interests are piano playing and sports.

One of the biggest events in her life came this summer, when she traveled to New York, and stopped off in New Orleans and Canada. It was a wonderful experience, she says and lots of fun.

McMinnville is her home town, and in high school she won the cup for the most outstanding girl. She was one of 10 finalists in the state for the Aaron Frank scholarship.

Future plans for "Bep" include graduation, post graduate work if necessary, and a job in some branch of welfare work.

Full Program Set for WAA

Opportunity galore in the WAA is offered interested coeds this year. A full program of sports and activities has been planned by the cabinet, according to "Bep" McCourry, president.

Women's intramural sports are always available, with volleyball and badminton offered fall term, basketball and swimming winter term, and tennis, softball and golf in the spring.

Biggest social event on the calendar is the WAA carnival, an annual event slated this year for February 18. A play day for WAA members from Oregon, OSC, and Reed college is planned for spring term.

No petitioning is necessary to become a member of WAA. The requirements are participation in at least one sport, turning out for at least three practices, and all the games.

Four groups offer opportunity for girls interested in special fields: Amphibians, swimming honorary; Hockey Club; Outing club; and Orchesis, women's dance honorary.

Coed Sports Gain Spotlight As Mural Practices Begin

Women's volleyball practices are now underway in preparation for the tournament which will begin when all competing teams have had at least three practices.

Other women's sports which have started are badminton, an individual activity which requires a player to hit a feather from one side of a net to the other, and, field hockey, a group sport which asks only that participants be able to fallop from one end of the field to the other and in the process try to hit an object (supposedly inanimate) into a net. One casualty has already occurred in this gentle game when a player mistakenly hit another player instead of the inanimate object. Result, one broken thumb.

Watching these sports completely disillusion those who still believe that women are of the gentle sex. In volleyball, for instance, that



Miss Betty Jean McCourry, this year's WAA president.

Coed Reveals Inside Story

by CAMELIA POTT

A mop of fuzz, a skeleton of bones, and a foot of painted toenails, that's a woman! Most articles tell how active women are on the campus, how charming they can be, and worst of all, how many of 'em there are.

I know women, I live under the same leaky room with them, and I'm going to tell an inside story, drip by drip.

Let's start by revealing the early morning sleep a walking scene. A head, apparently held together by short pieces of metal, pushes out from under the rumpled covers, and falls down from the top bunk. (A body is attached.) This is a coed—she wanders to her room, throws on a towel and heads for the steam bath.

An hour later her head, devoid of spit curls and metal attachments, drags on a cigarette and shuffles off to Monument Models class. Upon reaching class, she is too coy to drop her handkerchief to attract attention, so she uses the new system. She rolls a knitting ball down the aisle and around the toe of a desired acquaintance. Result—argyle socks and a Friday night date.

petite little blonde across the way turns out to be a modern Amazon when she volleys the ball. She never sets the ball up, as suggested by the instructors; she doubles up her tiny fist and smashes the ball squarely on the back of a player in the front row.

In addition to the minor bruises incurred during the game, one can always count on a broken fingernail or two and a joint shoved out of place by the force of the ball.

To avoid the minor injuries incurred, the best advice to those interested is to play bridge at the Side instead. However, if play you must, then borrow some football pads and helmets to protect the head and any other exposed anatomy. This particularly would be good practice for the Pi Phi and Kappa pledges who should be going into training soon for their annual football game.

Gossip Sheet Prepares Grad For Sunset Magazine Work

by ESTELLE NORDGREN

Nancy Bedingfield, 1948 grad, has been selected from numerous west coast careerists for a job on Sunset magazine. She is learning the processes of the various departments and her general orientation includes assembling and re-writing articles on subjects ranging from gardening and antiques to travel promotion.

Her brother Jim, a second year law student here, claims it all began about ten years ago, when Nancy and a friend published Talk of the Town, a mimeographed daily "gossip sheet" to sell to Coos Bay families. Their first scoop was the official announcement of a neighbor girl's engagement.

A journalism major, Nancy belongs to Theta Sigma Phi, women's professional journalism honorary, and was one of the students selected for Who's Who in U. S. Colleges and Universities. She was chairman of Heads of Houses and served on AWS executive council and Student Affairs committee. She also wrote for the Oregonian, the Oregon Journal, and various magazines.

Popular with Alpha Chi Omega sisters, Nancy was elected president and also represented the sorority at the national convention in Montreal, Quebec, in June, 1947. On this trip, she visited east coast cities and found metropolitan life exciting and impressive.

Nancy's most stimulating course was Dr. Beck's abnormal psychology class. Last summer she counseled Campfire Girls at Camp Namanu and substituted for the Coos Bay Times society editor.

In a letter to Beverly Heyfron, Nancy said, "The work is so interesting that I could never get tired of it! The people are so very nice—a big, happy family of ninety, all in one building."

She misses campus life, par-

26 New Pledges Become Orides

Oregon off-campus independent coeds pledged 26 girls in a formal ceremony held this week at Gerlinger hall.

Pledges from Eugene are Shirley Baker, Louise Campbell, Geraldene Childers, Virginia Drake, Elaine Gillett, Joyce Good, Lois Hibbert, Colleen Lee, Lonavene Marshall, Mary Beth McCallum, Elsie Rhodes, Dora Smith, Edwina Shockley, Norma Trikett, Marjorie Truchon and Alene Ziolkowski.

Orides from Springfield consists of Audrey Blomquist, Dorla Johnson, Norma Kloster, Leona Kohler, Lois Maier, Beverly Newsted, Nina Robinson and Erlene Sader. Nancy Brockway and Pat Oldham are pledges from Coburg.

Orides, considered as a living organization, plans to have a full program this year in both social and service activities, according to Irene Clemens, president. Monday night, to start off fall term and in order to acquaint the pledges, there will be a potluck dinner held at 7 p.m. in Gerlinger hall. Orides adviser and house mother is Miss Fanny McCamant.

particularly football games, and will be in the bleachers Homecoming weekend.

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