DEPARTMENT OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN
1913 - 1914

Registration of Women Students.

First Semester - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 902
Graduates - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 54
Undergraduates- - - - - - - - - - - - - - 848

Second Semester- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 876
Graduates - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 50
Undergraduates- - - - - - - - - - - - - - 826

Total Registration for the Year- - - - - - - - - - - - 949
Graduates - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 62
Undergraduates- - - - - - - - - - - - - - 887

Undergraduate Women

As to Sorority Membership (First Semester)

Sorority Women - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 280
Non-Sorority Women- - - - - - - - - - - - 568

Residence (Second Semester)

In Church Houses - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 100
Presbyterian House- - - - - - - - - - - - 19
Osborne Hall - - - - - - - - - - - - - 29
Y. W. C. A. - - - - - - - - - - - - 46
Catholic House- - - - - - - - - - - 6

In Sorority Houses - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 205
Achoth - - - - - - - - - - - - 8
Alpha Chi Omega - - - - - - - - - - - - 19
Alpha Delta Pi - - - - - - - - - - - - 11
Alpha Omicron Pi- - - - - - - - - - - - 9
Alpha Xi Delta - - - - - - - - - - - - 22
Chi Omega - - - - - - - - - - - - 23
Delta Gamma - - - - - - - - - - - - 18
Gamma Phi Beta - - - - - - - - - - - - 20
Kappa Alpha Theta - - - - - - - - - - - - 20
Kappa Kappa Gamma - - - - - - - - - - - 22
Pi Beta Phi - - - - - - - - - - - - 18
Sigma Kappa - - - - - - - - - - - - 16
In Their Homes or with Friends - - - - - - 226
In Private Families (One or Two in House) - 140
In " " (Three or Four in House) 63
In Large Rooming Houses - - - - - - - - - - 92

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Organizations.

Woman's League -

Organization open to all University Women.
Fee 25¢ a year.

Membership 1913-1914 - about 400.

Business Managed by Executive Committee -
Composed of the President, Vice-President,
Secretary and Treasurer, (elected by the "paid up" members), and two members of the
Advisory Board elected by that body.

Policy Directed by an Advisory Board,
a body composed of representatives of
the following organizations:

Schools and Colleges -
Graduate School 1
Library School 1
Music School 1 Elected
Agriculture 1
Liberal Arts & Sciences 6 10

Class Organizations -
Senior Illinae 1
Junior " 1 Appointed
Sophomore " 1
Freshman " 1 4

Literary Societies -
Jamesonian 1
Gregorian 1
Alethenai 1 Appointed
Illiola 1
Athenean 1 5

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Religious Organizations -

Y. W. C. A. 1

Department Organizations -

Household Science Club 1
Athletic Association 1

Sororities in Houses - 1 each

Honorary Societies -

Phi Delta Psi 1
Yo Ma 1

Total Membership of Board 36

Meetings of the Board -

Last Monday of each month, 4:45

Summary of the Work of the Woman's League,

1913-1914

1. Meetings -

First Semester.
None - Two Women's Assemblies called by the Dean of Women.

Second Semester.
Vocational Conference, March 27, 28.
Program attached.

Mass Meeting, May

Reports of Year's Work.
Installation of New Officers.

Mass Meeting, May 27.

To get sentiment on location of the new residence hall.

Speaker - Professor White.
Subject - Plans for the Enlargement of the Campus.

Meeting of Advisory Board and Executive Committee to plan work for next year.
2. Social Affairs -

Woman's League Tea; Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 6 o'clock - successfully established.

Reception to New Students in the Fall.

Two other Saturday Afternoon Parties - one each semester.

3. Tag Day, May

Woman's League helped Student Union in collecting money for memorial to Burnham Hospital Nurse, who died of scarlet fever.

4. Members of the Advisory Board helped Student Union in holding class elections in the Woman's Building at different times in the year.

Calendar for 1914-15 as far as complete:

Feb. 13 - Vocational Conference or Equivalent.
March 5 - Pay Day & Election Ceremony.
March 12. Election of Officers for Next Year.
April 24. Costume Party.

Woman's League Tea

Wednesday afternoons 3-6 o'clock.

These dates to be posted at President's desk.

Class and other organizations to send an entry to be adjusted to their programs.
I ROOMING HOUSES.

1 – If the Y. W. C. A. continues to take charge of the rooming house business it will be necessary for it to manage it more thoroughly and systematically. Miss Curry will report before I go away whether or not they will be able to make immediately a house to house canvass of the University district, with a view to ascertaining what rooming accommodations are to be had for women next fall. They will probably be able to manage it. (This canvass should have been made before the University closed, when Y. W. C. A. women were in town and available for service). In making this canvass the rooming house card should be used and a note made in each case of rooms already taken.

2 – A house inspector will have to be found to make from this report

1st – A list of approved houses.

2nd – A list of addresses to be sent in answer to inquiries for rooms for freshmen and other new students.

3rd – A list of addresses for upper classmen and graduate students.

4th – A list for faculty women, stenographers, etc.

3 – After the above work is completed, it will probably be necessary to consider what more may be done for freshmen.

(a) Might the University and landlady unite in a few cases in putting a responsible woman in charge of a group of freshmen?
(Cases suggested: Mrs. Bowman and "Carnes and Reeves", each of whom can accommodate eighteen to twenty girls and have proved too unsatisfactory the past year to be approved again without some different arrangement; Miss Painter, in case she will clean and repair her house; Miss Beale, if she can be managed; Mrs. Castle, on Romine Street, a new place, if the neighborhood proved satisfactory.)

(b) Mrs. Bowser, 1410 W. University Avenue, in an undesirable neighborhood, would take charge of a larger house in a better neighborhood if a furnished one could be found which she could afford to take. She would give both room and board and is a competent woman, of intelligence and high character. She would need no help.

(c) Women that might possibly be secured to take charge of such places:

Mrs. Eleanor Vermillion,
2721 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Mary Field Boyle,
5709 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago.

Mrs. C. E. Norton,
Carthage, Missouri.

For others, a list of chaperones in office.

4. A simple contract form should be made out for landladies, so that the engagement of rooms may be put upon a business basis and friction avoided. Such contracts should be supplied only to approved houses.

5. A set of house rules, based upon already established custom, should be printed for the immediate use of landladies and
an effort made to have the women agree to take some responsibility in regard to their enforcement.

6 - Girls who will act temporarily as heads of houses, or districts, under the new self-government plan, should be written to and final arrangements made for putting the scheme into operation in the fall.

(For help in finding such girls, write to member of Her Junior Council. List in file.)
The idea that Friday and Saturday nights and all day Sunday are to be spent in jollification should be discouraged. The number of students disabled on Mondays and Tuesdays is far too large.

1 Dances.

It may be that I am too optimistic, but I think the critical period in the history of the new dances, so far as we are concerned, is past, unless someone takes pains to revive the desire for the new and fantastic. The one-step without the "wriggle", a plain, if not an ugly dance, and the hesitation waltz, which has simplified itself almost to the point of uniformity, seem to be the survivals in our community. If the prospective instructors in ball-room dancing for men and women would devote themselves to teaching "loose formation", I think the dancing would be unobjectionable.

Following are a few other suggestions, most of which I have made before at one time or another. It may not be possible to carry out all or even any one of them next year, but they still seem to me the next things to work for.

(1) All dances, including formals, should close at twelve o'clock. As a beginning the dancing might end at twelve, and the supper be served after that time.

(2) Dances should be held only on Friday nights, Saturday nights being reserved for entertainments of other kinds.

(3) Club dances as they exist at present seem to me
merely public dances. They are managed by students and attended for the most part by students, and in so far as it is true that young men and women attending college are of higher character than those that constitute the general public, these dances differ from the ordinary public dances. They are conducted in the same way. Young men and women of families such as those represented in the University do not go to such dances at home and the difference is hardly great enough to form a reason why the University should offer them the temptation to attend them here. The "Club" is not a club. It is a young man, usually with some fraternity backing, who is given permission to conduct a series of dances for the money he can make by the venture. He hires a hall and an orchestra, sends tickets, which may be passed on to anybody, to his constituency in fraternity houses and elsewhere, asks some unobtrusive married couple to be present, and awaits results. The chaperons sometimes do not come at all. When they are present it is not the custom for them to receive the dancers, or in any way expect attention from them. The affair is not a social one in the sense that the young people are presented to chaperons and to each other, exchange dances, and otherwise conform to ball-room conventions. These clubs do not seem to me at all an unmixed evil, but they seem an unnecessary one. It might be possible to substitute for them

(1) A series of dances under the direct management of the Student Union.

(2) Two or three series of subscription dances. (There are now six dancing clubs, each of which may give three dances a semester).

The second suggestion I made this year to the president
of one of the dancing clubs, and he saw no reason except loss of money on his part, why it might not be carried out.

The points in favor of the suggestion in both cases are:

1. That a known body of young men that becomes responsible for a dance is likely to take pride in giving it distinction.

2. That the mere fact of the known change of management would make the inauguration of a different and better method of conducting the dances easier. They need not be formal in the sense that they require evening clothes, or decorations, or supper, but with good committees and proper chaperonage they might be social in the best sense of the word.

2. Department Clubs.

There are a great many department clubs about the University, almost all of which hold social meetings at least as often as once a month. These seem to me to offer the best chance we have for the development of a more stimulating social life in the University. They furnish for non-fraternity men and women the social opportunities which the fraternity offers to its members, in the way of acquaintance with their instructors and with congenial groups of fellow students.

At present their meetings are held on study nights. If they were held on Friday and Saturday nights two good results might follow: the man with other opportunities would have to choose the best if he got it, and the man who has no other opportunity would have his festivity when all students should have it, on the evenings when he feels free.
The Woman's Building is not often engaged for week-end nights. I am strongly in favor of encouraging its use for the meetings of such of these clubs as concern both men and women, with the understanding that when their dates conflict with those of general University affairs their meetings must be held elsewhere.

I think conflicts would not occur often enough to cause much trouble. It should be strictly understood by the department concerned, however, that they are responsible both for the character of the meeting and for the men made by Sororities. The building.

More use might be made, I think, of the University regulation that chaperones of sororities shall be approved by the University, in view of the fact that a good many women that seem to be of high character apply for such positions. In some other universities the sororities pay their chaperones and thus secure better women. As suggestive of other lines along which improvement may be sought in sororities in the University, I attach a copy of a reply to an inquiry from one of the National Pan-Hellenic representatives, which contains in brief a good many of the things which I have been saying to other sorority people here and elsewhere.
Literary Societies.

The two new literary societies need better organization, and more distinctive interests. They are to meet next year once in two weeks, on Fridays, which I think will be a better arrangement.

My thought is that the Jamesonian and Gregorian freshmen (whom the dean can reach through her weekly meetings with them for Physical Training 9) should be organized as they were this year in sections of about thirty each, which should hold their meetings on the Fridays when the general society does not meet, and take up the study of parliamentary usage, (Paul's Parliamentary Law. The Century Company) with parliamentary debates for practice.

The general society, I think, should be divided, as to interest, into sections such as the literary section, the historical, the dramatic, the debating - the latter to take up current topics. The practice in parliamentary usage, which they all need, might be taken up in their business meetings.

(Some of these suggestions have been made to the executive committee of the societies.)
The Woman's Building is being turned into a public convenience by the cafeteria. The rest and toilet rooms of the south side are freely used by women and children; men as well as women are found now and then happily enjoying the parlors; visitors of both sexes expect to be shown through the building at any time, as if it had no other use than exhibition.

The sewing room of the Household Science Department is in a bad place. Since warm weather came the room has been so uncomfortable that those working there have been obliged to keep the doors open and take away the screen that separates the Household Science rooms from the parlors. The result has been a dressmaking shop in sight and sound of the upper parlor.

If privacy is to be maintained on the south side under present conditions, a partition of some sort with a door that can be locked will have to be put in at the south end of the upper corridor, and some kind of disappearing door supplied at the north end of the lower one.

In regard to social affairs held in the building, I should like to suggest that banquets such as the Phi Beta Kappa and one or two others customarily held in the Rest Room (1st floor) might very appropriately be transferred to the dining room of the cafeteria. The caterers need not use the cafeteria kitchen. The basement kitchen of the south side can be used quite as well in connection with the second floor service room as with the first; better, in fact, since no rugs or other furniture have to be removed.
Towels.

At one of the meetings of the Council in May — from which the President was absent — the committee on towels was requested to make another report on the subject, showing what the possibilities were in the way of individual towels, and estimating the expense of putting them into one toilet room in each building. I hope the report of this committee may be called for early in the fall.

Since the removal of the roller towels in February, toilet paper has been used for towel purposes in all the women's toilet rooms, and I doubt not, in the men's. In some of the rooms there are no large waste baskets, and the result is a litter of damp balls of paper disgusting to see. The south toilet room for women in Natural History Hall is in the worst condition, but Lincoln Hall, University Hall, and again especially the Library Building, have suffered as well. No institution can afford such conditions. They are not decent. It will cost something to furnish individual towels, but it also costs something to buy toilet paper.

The Individual Towel and Cabinet Service Company, Chicago, has a very good cabinet for $6. Their towels, 14 X 17 inches, cost, ready for use, 30¢ a dozen. $50 or $60 would start the system in any building, and a short trial would soon show the cost of laundering and replacing the towels.
Equipment.

There have been added to the equipment of the Woman's Department this year -

2 Mahogany Tea Tables,
1 " Tea Wagon, with 2 glass trays,
2 Muffin Stands,
2 Small Glass Trays,
2 Center Pieces for tables,
2 Plated Silver Teapots and Sugars,
1 Nickel Tray for sandwiches - a gift of Mr. Wuesteman.

These have not been lent indiscriminately to clubs, but have been reserved for the use of the Woman's League.

Dishes Broken. 1913-14

13 cups,
14 sherbet cups,
1 plate,
1 large tray exchanged.

Furniture,

Professor White has assured me that provision has been made in his division of the budget for the furniture needed to complete the equipment of the social rooms, and for a vacuum cleaner, which is very much needed. I hope the appropriation may not get lost as it did this year.
The furniture in the Reading and Rest Room needs to be overhauled and that in the second floor parlor largely replaced. Most of it is too small and of too light weight for so large a room. I have thought that some of it might be used in the reception rooms if it were upholstered in the right color. Side curtains such as those in the upper hall would relieve the bareness of the walls of the second floor parlor.