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College Knowledge

By SOPHIE MORE

As you kids get smarter and smarter, it gets to be more and more fun to report your doings. Said doings, incidentally, are keeping up fast and furious, despite the advent of spring. One would suppose that spring fever would cause a let-down in the pace, but Beeham kids are ALWAYS different!

Southern Songbird

At Greensboro, lovely little North Carolina town where the Woman's College of the University of N. C. holds forth, **Helen Forester** was DEFinitely one of the ladies-of-the-hour over the week-end. All this glory came about through a concert given by the music students, in which our official songbird played an important part. They featured a presentation of the card scene from Bizet's "Carmen." And who sang the role of Mercedes? Who but our Helen? It was very lovely too, 'tis rumored.

Northern Light

Changing deftly into a ski suit en route, Sophie whips from the south up to Northwestern, where the sorority and fraternity situation rose to a fever pitch during formal initiations recently. **Bill Averill**, all you who are his pals will be glad to know, is now a full-fledged Sigma Nu. Uh-huh, the famous white star is his'n, and so are our congratulations. The kids came through it all in fine shape, once the tension attendant upon waiting for mid-semester marks had abated.

University Headlines

Now that your University of Michigan pals are home for a brief spell, you probably can get the lowdown straight from them. However, modesty may restrain a few of our chums, so here's the good word about **Sam Bruni**. The Newman Club, not letting a mere vacation interfere with the schedule, is announcing plans for the annual spring dance, designed to make post-Lenten fun at the Union, April 21. Sam is a member of the ticket committee you see, and consequently much in demand.

More Ditto

Don't breathe a WORD! But it is rumored that one of our best li'l wanderer-offers is going to stay home for a while. **Elizabeth White** will graduate this June from U. of M. and of course, careers beckon all around her. But the gal is considering taking a course or three at Cranbrook for the summer months anyway. Which will keep her HOME for a while . . . we hope.

Triple Ditto

And NOW . . . comes word of a great honor, a fitting climax to a collegiate career which has been nothing short of senSAtional all along. In other words, **Florence Brotherton** has been elected to Mortar Board, at U. of M. To tell you that membership in this national honorary for senior women is based on scholarship, leadership and service is more or less old stuff. And to list her multitude of achievements which won her the honor, would take simply PAGES. However, it is appropriate to mention here that she was recently elected to the office of recording secretary for the Kappa Kappa Gamma lovelies, as one of the latest feathers in her cap. So all kinds of congratulations to her—she's doing herself proud and we're ALL proud of her, yes?

Official Note

These Greek letter societies take a beam of running, to be sincerely ful. So the sisters and brothers are usually electing the cream of the crop to some kind of official position. And at DePauw, the Alpha Gamma Deltas just upped and made cutie **Patricia Allen** their treasurer. Not bad going there for Patty, since she is a sophomore at the Greencastle campus, and such an honor is usually reserved for the junior or senior year. Just goes to show that Beeham kids absoLUTEly are TOPS.

Smarty-Puss

So just to complete the circuit, Sophie whips southward again, only it's REALLY south this time. But she can't resist telling you who shivered in your Easter finery what a SMART li'l trick our cute friend **Nan Fisher** is. Y'know the gal is schooling it at Rollins this year, way down in Winter Park, Fla., and vacation presents somewhat of a problem. Because who'd want to risk colds and stuff by coming up to the land of ice and snow? So Miss Nancy stayed PUT, and spent spring vacation in Miami and Daytona Beach, having a perfectly smarky time visiting 'round. Best of all, her mother, **Mrs. Walter S. Fisher,** is en route to Florida to see Nan now, just to keep the home fires burning.

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Reasons Given For Recent Change In Girl Scout Plans

A change in the program of the Girl Scout organization, that of discontinuing Golden Eaglet awards, has been the cause of considerable inquiry in Birmingham since the last Girl Scout Awards, leaders report. In answer, Mrs. Lee A White, former Girl Scout commissioner in Birmingham, and a member of the Girl Scout Council, gives an explanation of the purpose that prompted the change.

In a letter to The Eccentric, Mrs. White states:

"Since the last Girl Scout Court of Awards, when it was announced that the girls receiving their Golden Eaglet Awards would be the last ones in this community to attain that rank, and that the award was being discontinued throughout the country, so many people have asked the reason for this change in Girl Scout procedure that it has occured to me your readers might appreciate an explanation through your columns.

It is perhaps not widely known outside the Girl Scout organization that there is a standing committee in New York which is made up of psychologists, sociologists and educators whose job it is to study girls of Girl Scout age and try to discover what they want, and what program will satisfy those want at the same time give them what they need in their development. This committee decided that the older girls particularly, were not meeting with a program fast adapted to the task of making them all we want the future women of this world to be. And also, it was found that many girls were dropping out of scouting because the program was not adapted to their like.

Just "Badge Grabbers"

Some girls were becoming just badge grabbers, and missing all the real fun of gaining a thorough knowledge of any one thing. Some girls found the program too inflexible. It did not include anything of interest to them as they grew up to high school age. Some became disouraged because they did not have just the types of minds to pigeon-hole the information which was specified under badge requirements. These latter, perhaps, frayed into other fields of scouting and found that their friends had sprinted ahead of them in the program. So they dropped out, although they would have enjoyed scouting with other girls under a less rigid program.

Of course, there was always a possibility of unfairness in the granting of so important a badge as the Golden Eaglet. For, not only was the girl in question a human being, but, more important, so were the committees judging qualifications, and personalities often got in the way of right judgment. Perhaps that would not happen often in a community so small as Birmingham, where the women working in scouting know all the girls who would stay in scouting long enough to become Golden Eaglets. But in spite of best intentions, it could and did happen in larger places at times, and the effects upon the girls concerned and upon the organization were unfortunate. So the badges were discontinued for the older girls, and hence the Golden Eaglet as well.

Henceforth, the girl will not work for distinction for herself, but for the fun of working with the group, helping others, and earning for herself the personal satisfaction of a more thorough knowledge of the fields her group is studying, knowing within herself when she does well and meeting with the approval of her leader and her group. The psychologists found that the older girls care less about badges than the younger girls do, and that the awarding of them tended to delay the development of the more mature reactions of some, and to discourage others from staying in scouting because they did not find the rigid program of sufficient interest to them.

Difficult to Judge

Without the badges as milestones along the way, it is, of course, impossible to adjudge which girl can be identified and labeled a Golden Eaglet. It is still possible for each group to know which are its outstanding Girl Scouts, and the girls themselves are going to know that, just as adults distinguish amongst their kind and recognize outstanding people without special decorations for them.

The whole Girl Scout program is being changed. There will be flexibility so that there will be something of interest for all types and ages of girls from 7 to 18. Because of this flexibility, it will be possible to make use of leaders who have special fields of knowledge and enthusiasms which they can impart to the girls, instead of making each leader try to cover more territory than any one person should be expected to do well. By emphasizing the group activities, the girls will be better prepared for citizenship in a democracy, for cooperation in their Girl Scout group is the same process as that of fitting into a neighborhood, town or state.

Through group activities the girl will have the fun and advantages which come in community living. Thus the one who would be outstanding and of the finest Golden Eaglet type, will be recognized by her own age group who will push her to the fore in the natural process by which human beings sort out each other. This is preferable to the more artificial methods which develop when the awards are decided by another

Dressing The Salad Is As Important As The Hostess' New Spring Ensemble

The appropriate salad dressing should be used with each different kind of salad; mix the salad dressing to suit the salad. Broadly speaking, salad dressing may be considered under three heads — French dressing, a combination of oil, vinegar or lemon juice and condiments; then one made from oil, eggs, lemon juice and seasonings, these stirred into an emulsion called mayonnaise; and the cooked dressing made without oil.

Cucumber Dressing

2 cucumbers.
1 cup cream.
Salt and paprika.
Few drops of lemon juice.

Grate the well-washed cucumbers without paring them. Drain the pulp dry, squeezing it in a cheese cloth tightly. Add whipped cream, season with salt, lemon juice and paprika. Serve with pimento ring or a vegetable salad.

Volga Dressing

1 teaspoon salt,
1 teaspoon paprika.
4 tablespoons flour.
1 teaspoon mustard.
3 tablespoons sugar.
1-2 cup vinegar.
2 eggs.
2 tablespoons butter.
1 1-2 cups milk.

Mix dry ingredients, blending well with the butter. Add the milk and cook in a double boiler until thick. Then pour in slowly the vinegar, beating all the time. Remove from heat and fold in the well-beaten eggs. Serve hot for slaw or cold for potato salad or salmon salad.

Chiffonade Dressing

To 1 teaspoon of salt, 1-4 teaspoon pepper and a dash of paprika add 1-2 tablespoons of salad oil and 3 tablespoons of vinegar. Beat for a few seconds. Then put 1 tablespoon of chopped pimento, 1 tablespoon of chopped parsley and a minced hard boiled egg. Beat until blended. Serve with asparagus salad.

Russian Dressing

To 3-4 cup of mayonnaise add 1-2 of a hard boiled egg, chopped fine; 1 tablespoon of chopped green pepper, 1 tablespoon of chopped chives, 1-2 cup of chili sauce. Combine all ingredients and serve on tomato or egg salad.

Vinaignette Dressing

To 1 cup of French dressing add 2 tablespoons of chopped pickles, 2 teaspoons of chopped capers, 1 teaspoon each of chopped parsley, onion and prepared horse radish. Serve with lettuce and tomato salad.

Combination Dressing

1 cup mayonnaise.
1-2 cup French dressing.
Juice of 1 lemon.
1 tablespoon finely minced onion.

Stir the ingredients together in a bowl. Serve with salad greens. This dressing is perfect for avocado salad. It is also delicious with pears.

Heavenly Dressing

1 cup mayonnaise.
1-2 cup whipped cream.
4 tablespoons beaten bar le duc jelly.

Combine all ingredients. Either cranberry or currant jelly may be substituted for the bar le duc jelly. Serve with oranges, pineapple or other fruit, first marinated in this dressing. Cube of jelly may be used as a garnish.

German Salad Dressing

1-2 cup thick cream (sweet or sour).
1 tablespoon sugar.
Salt.
3 tablespoons vinegar.
Pepper.

Beat cream stiff. Add salt, pepper, vinegar containing sugar, very slowly. Beat well.

Roquefort Cheese Dressing

Crush 1-4 lb. of Roquefort cheese in a bowl. Add 2 tablespoons of salad oil, little by little, until you have a smooth, even mixture; then add 1 tablespoon of vinegar. You will find the dressing thick and creamy, it just barely pours. Season with 1-4 teaspoon pepper, 1-4 teaspoon salt and 1-2 teaspoon paprika. Serve with head lettuce.

French Dressing

Beat 12 tablespoons of salad oil, 3 tablespoons of vinegar, 1 teaspoon of salt, 1-4 teaspoon pepper and a dash of paprika. If you like it a bit sharper, season it with more vinegar and less oil. A good way to make French dressing, one that will stand without separating for some time, is to make it with a cocktail shaker. Place 2 good sized lumps of ice in a cocktail shaker with the oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Add 1 to 2 teaspoons of sugar if desired. Shake it vigorously.

Cooked Salad Dressing

2 tablespoons vinegar.
2 tablespoons sugar.
1 well-beaten egg.
1 can crushed pineapple.
1-4 teaspoon salt.

Strain juice from a small can of crushed pineapple and combine with any other fruit juice sufficient to make 1 1-2 cups of liquid. Combine the above named ingredients and add fruit juices. Cook over a slow fire, beat with the egg beater, until cool, then add the crushed pineapple. Serve with fruit salad or a vegetable combination of cabbage, carrot and celery.

There's No Stopping Them

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