Association of Alumnae Anniversary Album

1912 - 1962

University of Pennsylvania
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ANNIVERSARY ALBUM AND ANACHRONICLE

* ALBUMS with stiff spines are averse to afterthoughts. This one's*
* arranged for re-arranging, adding to, and arguing with. *
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* ANACHRONICLE : a fine device for mixing dates and doings, for *
* dovetailing people and events that never saw the same daylight. *
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* ALAS ! There are omissions and (no doubt) mistakes...There *
* will be other pages. There will be errata slips. The crooked *
* pasting-up is my fault (not the fault of Hollywood Printing, *
* 1313 Vine st., Philadelphia.)...Today I swept and found two cut- *
* out faces on my floor. I can hardly bear to think of all the *
* Aims, Activities, and Achievements of the Association I'd find *
* if I went on sweeping!
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* AMENITIES : Thank you, Rhea Ott Shryock, Association president,*
* for thinking of and appointing me to this picture project..... *
* thank you, picture takers and suppliers, known and unknown... *
* Jean Fry Stauffer, for the frontispiece...New Yorker Magazine *
* and Girls' Own Paper for the AAAAA's I cut out of you...thank *
* you, Miss Elizabeth Wood, Board member many years ago, who died *
* many years later and left the Association $1000 (a sum which *
* makes anything possible and everything impossible)...thank you, *
* writers of minutes and compilers of fascinating facts (like *
* Marion Masland who put the Alumnae Yearbooks together with such *
* affection and completeness)...and thank you, especially, Jessie,*
* Dr. Rodman, Alumnae Archivist, for the Association's records *
* and related material which you have arranged and filed in the *
* University's Archives. Your own history as an alumna runs par- *
* allel in temperament and time to the Association's history... *
* Your spirit is the spirit of this dauntless, devoted organiza- *
* tion which never said die although it must have thought it many *
* times.
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* AND NOW will the meeting please come to order ? Will the secre- *
* tary please read the minutes? (Audible Aside: the minutes, how *
* wonderful, how dreadful they can be! A secretary is one who *
* keeps secrets, but she must write lines to be read between... *
* She should not be too business-like and she should not pretend *
* to literature.)....March 26, 1930 -"Miss James volunteered to *
* help with the June luncheon and was appointed Chairman."
* "Due to the fact that con-
* ditions on campus may soon be changing and the fact that *
* there is not enough money in the treasury the question *
* was dismissed after Miss Wood had been requested to look *
* about casually and incidentally for a suitable second- *
* hand rug for the Alumnae room..." (I move we rejoice *
* over the minutes as read...Our Chairman is in the bag, our rug *
* is in the offing!)
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* ADJOURNMENT ? Do I hear a motion for adjournment? This meeting *
* has lasted fifty years -let's take a little time off to look at *
* some pictures put together by Ruth Branning Molloy.
ANNOUNCEMENT: February 7, 1912—
On the invitation of Catharine Wetherill Beekley, seventy women met at the College Club, 1300 Spruce st., to form an Association of Alumnae of the University of Pennsylvania... Pauline W. Spencer, chairman.

THEY PUT ON THEIR HATS, PICKED UP THEIR POCKETBOOKS, AND STEPPED OFF BRAVELY TO ORGANIZED ALUMNAE-HOOD.

"Catharine Beekley...initiated the movement which led to the founding of the... Association, and worked hard toward that end..." (Eleanor F. Karsner)
"...the objective I had in mind...to further the interests of the women students..." (Catharine Beekley Yocom)

THEY AIMED...THEY ACTED...THEY ACHIEVED.

"If you'll be good you'll get your wish For a rocking chair and a chafing dish" (from an autograph album)

"When the millenium comes we shall have a woman's dormitory...and there we shall hope to find a haven of rest at last."
(Student letter, 1912)
ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE...

"Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith was our constant guide and friend. He seemed never too busy to receive any of us and give us his advice and assistance in the work of the Association."

(Eleanor F. Karsner)

NNUAL MEETING....and probably first press notice!

"The Association of Alumnae of the University of Pennsylvania held its first annual meeting on Commencement Day at 3 o'clock in the Botanical Gardens. The invited guests were the Provost, the Vice Provost, the Deans of the different departments with their wives, and the women graduates of 1912. The sylvan beauty of the gardens formed a charming background for a quaint little Japanese comedy which was presented by some members and friends. The play was followed by an informal reception."

(OLD PENN June 1912)
LONG WALNUT STREET, between 33rd and 34th, South side...1912.

ND A FAMILIAR INTERSECTION...1927. "There are some people, students included, who take Pennsylvania for granted, but there are many of us who have wandered past College Hall at evening, have forgotten the roar of the trolleys on Woodland Ave. and have caught our breath with the wonder of it all. The feeling is one that we hesitate to mention even among our most intimate friends. Many of us, in fact, are left tongue-tied by the force of it. We pass on into the maze of traffic at 34th st., but we have snatched a little of peace and comfort from a rushing world." (Freshman Handbook, 1926-1927).
"For the month of February we will resign our editorial chairs to the Co-eds of the University, bless 'em! At the end of the month the Co-eds, bless 'em! will return the mutilated publication to our hands for repairs."
(Punch Bowl, January, 1902.)

A special issue: The Women of Pennsylvania

A N EDITORIAL DESIRE to publish "a narrative poem of more than unusual merit" by Helen Bailey prompted the Co-Ed number of The Red and Blue Magazine, April 1919. Featured were coed pictures, love poems, articles on coeducation...

An alumna returning to the campus (in Earl Harrison's daring "In 1940 - Why Not Now?"
finds that Houston Hall has become "The Women's Club"..."Co-education was established in 1923...Franklin Field has been divided up so that we have an excellent hockey field, baseball field, and also several tennis courts."..."Do they still allow men to smoke in Houston Hall? 'I should say NOT!'

...(Tonight's lecture is)"Why girls should be awarded the Varsity letter'-the men aren't holding out very strongly"...."Our next campaign...will be to permit a combination of fraternities and sororities...This is part of the great movement called 'Pennsylvania for Girls!'

ADVANCES MADE BY DVENTUROUS ALERT MBITIOUS ACTIVE LUMNAE LEAD TO ACHIEVEMENT AND EVEN TO OVER-ACHIEVEMENT!

"(Althea Kratz Hottel) spoke of the many advances made by women at Pennsylvania and pointed out that women can now be entered in more schools than men can."

(The Nov. 1957 Gazette was reporting the organizational meeting of the U. of P. Alumnae Club of Philadelphia, on Oct. 3, 1957.)
LUMNAE
LA MODE...

1960  Dorothy Schoell Montgomery
1919  Houston Hall group (from Red and Blue)
1911  Catharine Beekley looks ahead
1931  Barbara Hart in Evening Ledger
1912  Elsa Berger and Frances Lyons
1942  Gertrude Klein Peirce Easby and daughter Charlotte Easby Grave.

STUNNING BUT CHEAP

HAT .88¢
GLOVES 88¢
SUIT 1.95
STOCKINGS .50¢
SHOES 4.99
TOTAL 18.29
All amiable, all able, all past presidents of the Association

The late Mike Pearlman aimed to please when he took pictures of the (University) family groups he knew so well...Proof positive: these two made for two gala Alumnae dinners, both 1953. On March 26, nine past presidents of the Association were among the guests honoring Dr. Katharine E. McBride, first woman appointed term trustee. (Standing) Dr. Eleanor Thompson, Miss Louise Horner, Dr. Geneva Groth, Mrs. Helen MacCardle Crease; (seated) Miss Mary Carter, Dr. Laura Ruth Murray Klein, Mrs. Virginia Kinsman Henderson, Dr. Jessie A. Rodman.

Dinner to honor New University of Pennsylvania president and his wife. (From left): Miss Bessie Collins, Mrs. Gaylord P. Harnwell, Dr. Harnwell, Mrs. Dorothy Buckley Crawford (Association president, '53) Dr. Helen Cheyney Bailey, past president...Nov. 4, 1953.
ACTIVITY AND SERVICE... Alumnae classes 1942 and 1941 are first women's groups to receive Awards of Merit at Organized Classes Dinner, January 11, 1957...

ACHIEVEMENT

Faculty: Dr. Jeannette P. Nichols (Mrs. Roy F. Nichols), Associate Professor, Economic History since 1957; Chairman, Graduate Group in Economic History since 1961.

Trustee: Dr. Katharine E. McBride, first woman to be named Term Trustee by the University of Pennsylvania, 1953.

Phi Beta Kappa: Ada Haeseler Lewis (Mrs. John Frederick Lewis, Jr.), first president of Delta of Pennsylvania of Phi Beta Kappa, College for Women section, 1935.

AHM! (1892 Record) "To the 'Co.Ed.' who mysteriously entered the Wharton School"

"...Back into my seat I sat me, And then she began to chat me In a tone of great assurance Of the happy days to come.... Not a moment stopped or stayed she ...put her stamp upon the door, And she wrote 'Co-Education' Right across our sacred door..."

(September 1954 - first women undergraduates register in Wharton School.)
Another aim (of the association) was to raise funds for an undergraduate scholarship. In 1913 it became possible to award the first such scholarship. By 1940 the amount had reached $500 and last year it had grown to a full tuition scholarship of $1400 plus a stipend of $200. The same award will be made again on Hey Day, April 26, 1962." (Report of the President, Hevea Ott Shryock, April 1962.)

Announcing:
Association of Alumnae, U. of P.
Annual Award
April 26, 1962
To:

Ronah Weinstein
Winner 1955...
A S PRINCIPAL SPEAKER (Houston Hall, Nov. 18, 1954) Dr. Roy Nichols pleased his listeners... His subject: significant policy development at the University; his theme: the most successful University administrations have been those most favorable to women's interests. (Ruth Lenker Hunter, Pres....Gazette, Feb. 1955.)

MONEY CACHED IS MONEY CASHED  
RUTH WEIR MILLER, PRESIDENT, PASSES $32000 TO G.P. HARNWELL, PRESIDENT... CLUB HOUSE FUND GOES TO RESIDENCE CAMPAIGN.  
(J. Rodman, A. of A. Archivist, reports in Feb. '58 Gazette.)

MR. AND MRS. ABRAM S. HOTTEL ARE FETED AT DINNER IN HER HONOR. RETIRING DEAN CALLED "MOST LOVED ALUMNA", GIVEN TESTIMONIAL BOOK, SPADE; LOUNGE IS NAMED FOR HER.  
(University Museum, May 27, 1959)
ATTITUDES ...1871 1902

(From the Punch Bowl, guest-staffed by undergraduate women, Feb. 1902): "When co-eds are allowed to hear the same lectures, sit in the same rooms, walk through the same halls with the other members of the class, then indeed it is time for reforms! When will the trustees realize how great a hindrance to growth co-education is? When will they remove those obstructions in the landscape of the campus? For then and not until then can we hope once more to enter the big four with Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, and Vassar!" (Editorial.)

(Class Song, 1871) "...Oh, it is right, my brothers gay that we should romp in style/And leave all classic Bohn's boys ungnawed a little while/...And ladies fair and beautiful will welcome us with smiles/More lovely they than all the flow'rs that bloom on Eastern Isles/Their teeth are pearls, their eyes are gems that sparkle as the stars/And they be fairer far than we as Venus outshines Mars/(chorus) Then let us be jolly and baring all folly sing just as though we were mad...as though we were mad...we were mad"(repeat)"

"It's better to sit in the
shade with you
Than to dance in the sun
alone." (Old Song Title?)

"I see in the Alumnae
Association an effective
means of organizing the un-
bounding loyalty, devotion,
and ability of the women
graduates of Pennsylvania."
(Foreword by Thos. S. Gates,
Yearbook, 1931-1932.)

"1936—There was talk of
amalgamation with G.A.S."
"1946—G.A.S. amalgamation
was formally accepted."
(Association Highlights)

"Like most folks we have an
incurable and persistent
'soft-spot' for the college
which has given us better
educational equipment, en-
during friendships, and
stimulating professional
contacts." (Part of a
letter sent out by Helen
Bailey, June 1927.)
ALTHOUGH

every one of us has probably looked at the Sergeant Hall dining room or the Bennett Club parlors, or the gymnasium and locker equipment of Bennett Hall, and started in moralistically 'When I was in college -' a bit of imagination will envision even more wonderful things for Penn girls. We must curb our natural tendency to sentimentalize on 'the good old days' and work for better things to come. This is the special task of alumnae."

(Association minutes.... May 29, 1929.)

Pictures

Horn & Hardart Restaurant
34th and Walnut sts.
Bennett Club Cafeteria
3326 Walnut st.
Sergeant Hall recreation room
34th and Chestnut.
ACTING THEIR PARTS FOR PHILADELPHIA HOUSE..."A MEMORIAL FOR GREAT WOMEN OF PHILADELPHIA'S PAST...WOMEN WHO HAVE BROUGHT DISTINCTION TO THEIR CITY THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE ARTS, PROFESSIONS, AND IN COMMUNITY SERVICE...PHILADELPHIA HOUSE...A SYMBOL FROM THE PAST TO THE FUTURE...OF STRUGGLE AND ACHIEVEMENT."
(From Philadelphia House brochure, Women's Residence Campaign, 1958)

QUALUDE..."We were offered the historic Roberts mansion at 1901 Walnut st. if we would move the whole building to the campus by March 1(1923)...a lovely vision...we even planned a swimming pool in the basement." (Jessie Rodman, Gazette, Feb. '58). June, '23 (part of a letter to Dr. J.H. Penniman):"The Executive Board wishes very much that a swimming pool might be included for women students. (There are) plans by which the Association could help pay the cost."(Answered April 24, 1924)"...The University has not the money to construct a pool..."
(WSGA Freshman Handbook, 1923-24):
Greetings from Josiah Penniman, Provost -"May your hopes and anticipations be realized...You are here not only for the purpose of acquiring knowledge...It is not good for anyone to live a one-sided life...particularly during the plastic years..."
(Association Year Book, 1928):"The completion of the Hutchinson Gymnasium (1927)...brought us...the freeing of the pool."
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ADDRESS TO PROVOST WILLIAM PEPPER, M.D., FROM COL. JOSEPH M. BENNETT, NOV. 2, 1889: "I hereby donate to the trustees the two adjoining properties on the southeast corner of Thirty-fourth and Walnut streets, clear of incumbrances, to be occupied for the purpose of a college for women, in connection with said University... I do this because I am desirous of promoting the higher education of women, and yet recognize the difficulties connected with complete coeducation."

"... The hall for women is an admirable residence, with every homelike feature. It has been comfortably and even handsomely furnished, through the zealous efforts of the women managers." (Benjamin Franklin and the University of Pennsylvania, 1893.)

Jan. 24, 1912—There are plans for a new graduate school building to be at 34th and Walnut. (Daily Pennsylvanian)

Nov. 21, 1925—Bennett Hall was formally dedicated by Dr. Josiah Penniman. The exercises were held in Houston Hall at 4 o'clock.

(from an article on Eero Saarinen, architect...) Time magazine, July 2, 1956)

"Well-building hath three conditions: Commodity, Firmness and Delight."

(Vetruvius)
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT RHEVA OTT SHRYOCK speaks...dedication ceremonies for the Women's Residence Halls.

Founder's Day, January 14, 1961...
The important person, the undergraduate, for whom the Association has aimed and acted and achieved these fifty years, looks on in interest...even (perhaps) in understanding of this day's significance.

"My country is not yesterday. My country is tomorrow." (Romain Rolland)
AIMS AND GOALS of the founders:

To give service to the University of Pennsylvania...

To promote fellowship among alumnae...

To promote the improvement of the educational and social conditions of women students...

1912 - 1962

THEY AIMED

THEY ACTED

THEY ACHIEVED

"The crown jewels of Philadelphia... are bright enough for her sons to be proud to show them." (Professor Reed, 1849 Centennial occasion).

-How thoughtful, intelligent, and innocent she seems.

-I wonder what she can be planning now?

-Quid sit futurum cras, fuge quaerere: et Quem Fors dierum cumque dabit, luco Appone, as Horace said...

-How right you are, how very right you are.
ATTENTION!

Put yourself in the picture!

"...for your friends are my friends and my friends are your friends—the more we get together the happier I'll be!"

(Old Ditty)