



Off-Campus Commentary

Little did I realize when I entered nursing at Creighton University Hospital that I would be caring for the mentally ill as well as the physically ill. The opportunity for this specialized training is interesting and enjoyable. Basic psychology courses we had at Mt. Mercy have taken on real meaning and life as we apply our studies to actual cases.

Our floor duty here is quite different from work at Mt. Mercy. We carry, among our supplies, a huge ring of keys when on duty. The patients' rooms are not locked, but nearly everything else is — even the clothes chute!

In eight months I'll be ready to receive my R.N.! The three

years' training has seemed long at times — and yet it seems like days since I was the frightened student, shuddering and shaking while "giving a shot to an orange." Now a hypodermic needle seems ordinary.

This hits upon my main reason for choosing a hospital nursing program rather than a university degree. From the very beginning as a freshman, floor duty has helped me to develop greater confidence in the performance of all the things a nurse does.

Some of my richest moments have been my thrills of seeing improvement in the patients. Now, especially, it is so dramatic. Progress among the mentally disturb-

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ed is often slow and hard to observe, but we do become excited over their recovery. Research and studies in recent years have certainly changed conditions and attitudes.

The freshmen girls at Creighton University are in the process of being initiated. They must pull stockings over their heads and wear captions, "We may be green — but we'll grow." That caption has a lot of meaning for me. I think of how green and undecided I was when I first started. The four walls of the hospital often seemed so binding. Now I realize how attached I am to my chosen profession. — *Connie*

What's Going On?

HOME ECONOMICS STATE DAY

Home economics students from 14 Iowa colleges, representing the students on their campuses, met on our campus for the annual state day convention on Saturday, October 31. The theme of the convention, sponsored by the Iowa Home Economics Association, was "You're in the News," and spotlighted the role of the American woman in public affairs in her own country and in international relations. Mrs. Dave Van Wert of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, was featured as speaker.

Ruth Baggley, H. Ec. '59, told of her experiences from a year spent in Denmark on an experiment in International Living. The state theme for this year in International Understanding.

Led by state president Joan Reynolds, H. Ec. 4, the delegates exchanged ideas on recruitment and

methods of acquainting prospective students with their respective colleges and also discussed the role of today's woman in areas beyond the home.

HONOR SYSTEM

The following classes within the College of Home Economics are now covered by the Honor System:

Honor System Classes beyond the Freshman level

Applied Art — All Classes.

Child Development — 465, 468, 480, 537, and 567.

Food and Nutrition — 107, 208, 209, 303, 411, 421, 422, and 423.

Education — 405, and 406

Home Management — 414.

Household Equipment — 308, 409, and 421.

Institution Management — All Classes.

Textiles and Clothing — All Classes.

Physical Education — All Classes.

Violations are reported to the Honor Court for action and penalties. Jody Riser, H. Ec. 3, is the Honor Court justice representing Home Economics.

New officers of Freshman Home Economics Club were elected Oc-

tober 29. These are: Kathy Busboom, president; Judy Claus, vice-president; Barbara Brown, secretary, and Judy Diamond, treasurer. The officers will serve the remainder of this year and during next fall quarter.

Staff Corner

Gail Devens, H. Ec. Jr., a writer on last year's staff, will combine writing with photography as photo editor of this year's staff.

Rachel Davis, H. Ec. So. will be on the lookout for new story tips and ideas. She will check all of the literature sent to the *Homemaker* by firms around the country for these new ideas.

Mary Jo Drilling, H. Ec. Jr., last year's assistant treasurer of the *Homemaker*, has moved up to treasurer and Sue Hill H. Ec. So., last year's assistant circulation manager has taken over as circulation manager.