

College Trustees Vote Coeducation

Dean Byron K. Trippet made the following remarks (some facetiously) to a *Bachelor* reporter about the recent Board of Trustees' decision to make Wabash a co-educational institution by 1956.

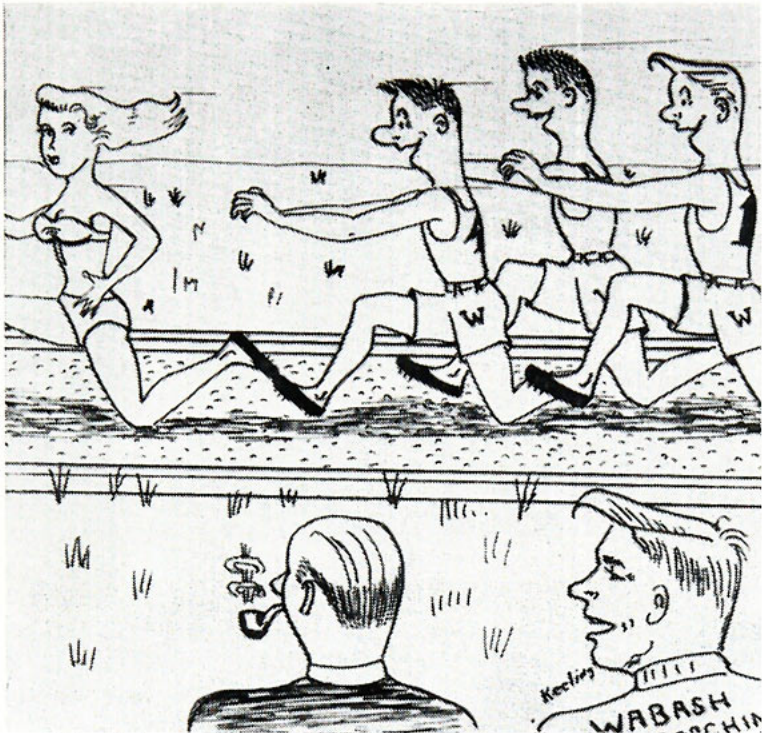
1. "The first reason is that the administration has concluded segregation by sexes is educationally unrealistic since men and women *do* have a natural association in our modern society. We feel that our primary purpose here at Wabash is to train men for this modern society.

2. "We think by going coed we would temper some of the cruder behavior patterns of the Wabash student body on matters relating to dress, speech, recreation and other general mannerisms.

3. "Such a move is quite sensible in view of the character of the new Campus Center and the expansion program we have planned for the future. Now, the Campus Center will become the real social center that it should be.

4. "While this isn't one of the decisive factors, the administration was worried about school finances. We assume that the first girls attending Wabash will be able to pay their own way. That is, no scholarships will necessarily be

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"The dash men have cut two seconds off the school record since I hired one of the new coeds to be a mechanical rabbit."

The college administration in a surprise move Wednesday disclosed intentions to turn this traditionally male institution into a co-educational university.

The transition here will reduce to six the number of independent men's schools remaining in the United States.

Administration spokesmen said the step had been pondered for some time due to the increasing costs of providing education and higher-than-expected expenditures incurred in the present building program. The same sources indicated that the tuition increase voted last summer by the Board of Trustees was another move to keep Wabash in the black financially.

A statement released to *The Bachelor* today by the college named September, 1956, as the date for the admission of the first female students. Only 75 women students will be admitted in 1956, but the number is expected to increase yearly until the total enrollment reaches 800.

The statement said plans were under way (and have been under way for five years) to make Wabash attractive to women students. The lavish new Campus Center, the two new

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Profs' Views on Board's Action Differ Widely

Faculty opinion regarding the proposed coeducation of the College varies widely, ranging from the strong pro-coeducation views of Dr. W. Norwood Brigrance to the equally strong anti-coeducation sentiments of Dr. Victor M. Powell.

According to Dr. Brigrance "Wabash has been staving off the inevitable for the past 75 years. The College has been living in the past, and it's time it modernized."

IFC Chooses 'Pan' Theme

"Las Vegas" has been selected as the theme for the Pan-Hel Dance, held annually and set this year for May 6 and 7.

The announcement of the theme was made Wednesday by John Berry, Kappa Sig representative to the Inter-Fraternity Council and publicity chairman for the dance.

Berry indicated that Ron Seibert, Phi Delta representative, had been chosen as chairman of the Finance Committee and Ralph Olson, Beta representative, as chairman of the Music Committee. Decorations co-chairmen will be Jim Wenger, Phi Gam delegate, and Bob Whittaker, Lambda Chi voice on the Council.

John Orr Takes Eastman Post

Publicity Director John Orr announced early this week he will relinquish his post to take a job in the Public Relations Department of the Eastman Kodak Company's Color Print and Process Division at Rochester, N.Y.

Orr is expected to join the Eastman Company early in June, after the end of the academic year at Wabash. He came to Wabash in 1953 as a member of the admissions staff. In 1954, he became publicity director with additional duties in the alumni and admissions offices.

"The Trustees were a long time in reaching this conclusion—months of thought, study and planning preceded the final vote."

Dr. Powell terms the proposal "villainous." "It'll be the death of academic freedom on the Wabash campus! If professors must prepare lectures to be acceptable to young ladies, we might as well pack our bags and head for Brazil. I have no doubt most of the student body will be all for the idea—our only hope to save the college is through the alumni."

Mr. Ralph Caplan has adopted a view exactly between that of his two colleagues. "Well . . . I don't know. Of course there's something to be said for both sides, but I keep thinking of the future. Imagine 10 years from now—throughout the Midwest, hundreds of little children, all announcing proudly to their playmates, 'Mother was a Caveman.'"

Dr. John F. Charles heads a sizable group of the faculty which has thus far refused to declare itself. Dr. Charles' sole remark was, "Most of them (Wabash men) will spend the rest of their lives in intellectual servitude to womankind anyhow—why fight it."

Dr. Louis E. DeLaney claims that the proposal would destroy the College's high academic standards. "One of the major reasons for Wabash's fine record is that there are no women in the immediate vicinity to distract the men from their work. Around here, a person can concentrate. Put girls on this campus, and all Hell will break loose!"

Kellogg, Jones Earn National Debate Try

Jack Kellogg and George F. Jones, Wabash varsity debaters, will represent the college at the national debate finals, to be held Apr. 20, at West Point, N.Y.

The pair earned the right to compete in the national tournament by winning five out of seven debates in the four-state regional contest held Saturday at Purdue. They were coached by Dr. Victor M. Powell, associate professor of speech.

Seventeen schools representing Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan competed in the tournament. The top five schools—Northwestern University, Notre Dame, Augustana College, Illinois Normal University and Wabash—will compete in the national contest.

Kellogg and Jones defeated Augustan, Butler, the University of Chicago, and Western Reserve, and lost to Illinois Normal and Notre Dame.

Fraternities Pledge Eight

Six Wabash fraternities have a total of eight men pledged this semester.

Phi Delta Theta has pledged Daryl Townsend and Alex Manilla Calderon. Phi Kappa Psi, the only other fraternity with two second semester pledges, pledged Marvin Sweeney and Ronald Stasch.

Lambda Chi Alpha pledged Kenneth Willis, Phi Gamma Delta pledged Norman Armstrong, and Sigma Chi pledged Ray Peterson.

Kappa Sigma has pledged the only upperclassman in this group. He is Robert Jacobsen, a junior transfer student from Notre Dame.

LaCosse Elected Glee Club Head

New officers for the Glee Club were elected Friday, Mar. 25, to serve for the 1955-1956 school year.

Fred LaCosse, Phi Gam, was chosen president to succeed Tom Ehniger, Beta. Joe Michael was elected vice-president, and Quentin Schwartz, Phi Gam, was named treasurer.

Serving as co-historians for next year will be Art Baxter and Ted Littell, both Betas.

Tom Michael Awarded Fulbright Scholarship

Tom Michael, senior independent and philosophy major, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for study in Germany, according to information released today by the International Exchange Service of the State Department.

This is the fifth consecutive year a Wabash student has won a Fulbright award. Only about 650 of nearly 10,000

applicants receive the awards each year. They are given under the 1946 Fulbright Act. Michael's award is for the 1955-56 academic year. He will study theology at Philipps University in Marburg, Germany, during that time.

The first Fulbright award granted to a Wabash student was given to Kurt Kaufman in 1951. Kaufman spent his year at the University of Oxford, where he studied science. Others receiving Fulbrights have been: Brandt N. Steele, University of Oxford, classical languages, 1952; Richard A. Lord, University of Paris, science, 1953; and John A. Goffinet, University of Strasbourg, science, 1954.

Each scholarship pays the cost of tuition, books, living expenses and transportation.

The World University Service Fund Committee for 1955 met Tuesday to discuss plans for next fall's drive. Chairman of the committee is Dave Wiley.

The committee set next year's goal at \$500. The fund-raising drive this year netted \$279. The money was used to pay for books, clothes, medical supplies and tuition of needy Indian students.

Wiley named Darrell Lance solicitations chairman and Larry Slagle publicity chairman. Faculty advisers to the committee are Drs. J. Harry Cotton, Eugene Weaver, Richard Strawn, Philip S. Wilder and Mr. Thomas Altizer.

Student members of the committee are Jim Goubeaux and Jim Cottingham, Beta Theta Pi; Jon Nemeth and Matt Thoman, Delta Tau Delta; Don Kaley, Joe Michael, Galen Weaver and Tom Cole, Independent Men's Association; Bob Stewart and Jerry Harpst, Kappa Sigma; Mark Hopkins and Dan Henry, Lambda Chi Alpha; Mort Grayam and Larry Logan, Phi Delta Theta; Clarence Mann, Dick Shaw and Jim Cecil, Phi Gamma Delta; Fred Wampler and Dick Hague, Phi Kappa Psi; and Bob Stoothoff and John Banghart, Sigma Chi.

Representatives for the 1955-56 Senior Council were chosen this week. Elected to next year's Senior Council are Ed Hargitt, Phi Delta; Ed Grogg, Beta; Al Weber, Sigma Chi; John Berry, Kappa Sigma; Bob Whitaker, Lambda Chi; Keith Baird, Phi Gam; Dick Chambon, Phi Psi; and Buzz Koch, Delta.

The independent representatives for next year's council were elected this morning during chapel period.

Now Hear This

FRIDAY, Apr. 1:
7:30 p.m. YMCA, meeting on the South Mezzanine of the Campus Center.

SATURDAY, Apr. 2:
9:00 a.m. Meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers.
12 noon Spring Recess begins.

SUNDAY, Apr. 3:
Honor Scholarship candidates arrive.

MONDAY and TUESDAY, Apr. 4 and 5:
Honor Scholarship Examinations.

THURSDAY, Apr. 7:
2:00 p.m. Faculty Wives and Dames Club, meeting at Dr. Sparks' home.

MONDAY, Apr. 11:
8:00 a.m. Classes resume.
9:45 a.m. Neil C. Hutsinpillar, professor emeritus of English, speaking in chapel.

WEDNESDAY, Apr. 13:
9:45 a.m. Non-denominational religious chapel under the direction of Dr. J. Harry Cotton and Mr. Robert Mitchum.

THURSDAY, Apr. 14:
9:30 a.m. Long music chapel with the Butler "Chorale."

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Victory for DePauwism

Creeping DePauwism has succeeded in its ultimate and deadly purpose. Just 17 months hence Wabash's 124 year tradition as a men's college will be tossed out the window and coeds will for the first time walk the Wabash campus.

Much has been written of Wabash Spirit—often has it been scoffed and laughed at. Yet down deep inside each of us there is a mysterious spark—an unexplainable something—which somehow makes us proud to be "Cavemen." What in the Wabash atmosphere gives so many of her family this extra-special feeling? The only answer can be her distinctive status as a men's college in a coeducational Midwest.

And now all of that will be gone. The Board of Trustees has killed the very thing which heretofore has given Wabash its strength and distinction. We find ourselves at a loss for words. A stunned surprise coupled with a vast horror and disappointment have effectively stifled any coherent response.

The action of the Board of Trustees is inexcusable, regardless of circumstances. It is almost unbearable when taken as it was—without discussion by alumni, students and faculty. For the decision to make Wabash coeducational is not an isolated one which will affect only future students. It is one which affects *everyone* currently and formerly connected with the College. Can we now say with pride, "I'm a Wabash man?" Can we return to a familiar Wabash atmosphere 15 years from now and relive in our minds our undergraduate days? It will be a different Wabash than we know today.

We have perpetually ridiculed DePauw and its "security" policies. Now to our horror we envisage a Wabash too nearly identical to that DePauw which we revile. Has the Board of Trustees entirely lost its sense of values?

Perhaps some will welcome coeds to the Wabash campus. If it is another DePauw they desire, they will be amply satisfied. For our part, we thank God that the class of '56 graduates from a MEN'S college!

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'Caine' Overcomes Preconceptions

by MAC LAETSCH

I'm getting tired complimenting Gar Aikins. He has topped a distinguished drama career at Wabash with a performance the professionals might envy. It may not be good form to begin a review by praising one character, but in this case I think it permissible because the time sequence in the *Caine Mutiny* must be dated pre-Queeg and post-Queeg. The play's most sensitive point is where Queeg takes the stand for the defense, and the play's rather limited supply of drama flared up most brilliantly while his mentality crumbled. Aikins handled Queeg's monologue with the strawberries and the silex in a manner short of phenomenal.

The *Caine Mutiny* was a hard play for the Masque to produce and it is a hard play to review. Very few citizens have escaped seeing or reading a portion of the many versions the original best seller has taken on. Preconceived judgements have been formed, and it is almost impossible to view the local production with a keen sense of objectivity. This is heightened by the writer's lack of sympathy with the Masque's decision to put on the *Caine Mutiny*. I felt that there are too many plays which are better and more appropriate for college theater. It is unfortunate from one point of view that the Masque has made a habit for the past few years of reduplicating Broadway hits. This would be commendable if Broadway hits were the best plays being written or the best ones which have been written. I don't know much about these things, but the one drama critic I read (Eric Bentley) doesn't seem to feel that Broadway hits represents the most refined dramatic taste. I've got this out of the way and can now get along with reviewing the play. One of the highest recommendations I can give the play was that my original bias was almost overcome as the evening progressed.

No one in the cast of the *Caine Mutiny* did a poor job, but as in any play some portrayals particularly stood out. Ernie Scott as the tormented defense attorney, Greenwald, played his role with near brilliance. Greenwald was such a demanding role that even a mediocre portrayal would require much talent. Scott's interpretation of Barney Greenwald was the result of much talent, very hard work and most important, a basic sympathy with the character he was acting. Greenwald was a role which could easily have swallowed up a little actor, but Scott did not follow Greenwald—he created him.

In many of the Masque productions the supporting characters have often been more outstanding than the stars. Queeg and Greenwald were not outdone, but some of the minor actors were almost and perhaps as good. Bill Lovett,



Gar Aikins as Queeg, Fred LaCrosse as Challee

as Byrd the junior psychiatrist and Mark Barnes as Urban, the dumb signalman, received well deserved ovations when they stepped from the witness stand. Barnes' deadpanned naturalness was a welcome bit of comedy in an otherwise serious play. John Toth played Lundeen, the senior psychiatrist, with poise and talent. Dick Myers was very authentic as the expert ship handler, Captain Southern, Willie Keith, the morale officer of the *Caine* was young, confused and indignant on the witness stand. Darrell Lance played the role in a very convincing fashion.

Challee, the prosecuting attorney, was not an easy role to play and Fred LaCrosse did a good job of it. His tendency at times to fall into the caricature of the melodramatic villain was unfortunate and distracted the observer's attention from the essential stream of action.

Dan Henry was also good as Maryk, but the rapidity of his speech gave the impression that Maryk was possessed with a cocky belligerence. I didn't feel that Maryk was nice enough, or dumb enough. The play demanded that Maryk should receive a great deal of sympathy, but I was never sure whether I liked him or not.

Compliments should be paid to the judges who looked very judgy, to the orderlies, and to the drunken officers.

The philosophy behind the play is to be lamented. The unquestioned obedience to authority, the awe of the regulars, and the branding of the smart guy as the only

really guilty party, is to my way of thinking a rather dangerous notion. Articles 184, 185 and 186 provided for the removal of an insane commander in time of an emergency. It was obvious that Queeg was cracked and incapable of retaining command. Greenwald's background and his fanatic sentimentality for conformity led him into the position where he scorned these safeguards established for just such emergencies as the one portrayed by the *Caine Mutiny*. Such disregard for the law and for his duty to follow that law, indicate that Barney Greenwald was not a complete Galahad. The rationalization that none of the officers of the *Caine* had helped Queeg in his time of need is ridiculous. Queeg's illness was of such a nature that he would have resisted help just as much as he hated opposition. Greenwald's speech at Tom Keefer's drunken banquet was the sentimental babble of a man who would have delighted in the lethal obedience of the officer who led the charge of the Light Brigade. The men who directed this charge and many others like it were above reproach . . . they were regulars.

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Wabash Adds New Foe, Sex, To All Schedules

While the news of Wabash becoming co-educational is rocketing social circles into a state of hysteria, let's calm our native impulses for just a moment and survey another aspect of the problem. And problem is what this is.

Did anyone ever bother to think what would happen to Wabash athletics? Wabash would no longer fight. We would yell *uncle*. We would no longer scream "*blo-o-o-o-d*," but let a lovely "*heliotrope*" slip gently between our lips. Can't you hear the cheering section now—?

Do we want blood?

Golly, gee-ichiz, No.

Do we want heliotrope?

Lan' sakes, Yes.

and the chanting refrain of *heliotrope*, *heliotrope* would follow as the rhymes would doff their pots and place them over the heart.

The nickname, *Cavemen*, now hardly seems appropriate. Perhaps we will soon be called the Wabash "*Christines*."

And the school color—certainly someone will see to it that it is also changed.

This new innovation ought to create quite an interesting scene at the gymnasium. Can't you just picture Frazier and Bartkiewicz sharing their offices with female physical education instructors? We have not been informed on any girls' phys-ed facilities, but temporarily at least, the coeds will probably use the little gym for their playground. It's going to be quite a change from watching Gil Shoaf, Haddon Ridgway and other such giants lifting weights to walk into the gym and witness a modern dance class.

Wabash has worked hard to establish itself at the top of the ladder in small college athletics. The Admissions Department which has taken great pride in telling prospective students of the great tradition and spirit that only a school like Wabash could have will now have resort only to the Campus Center and the rest of the building program to entice newcomers. The glorious football era for Wabash has ended—unless the Board of Trustees thinks that they can obtain some more Vaino Grayams, Chris

Passodelises and Tom Marchandos to enter "dear old Wabash." You just don't get those kind to go to a school which regards football as a passing fancy and puts the spot light on sorority-fraternity get togethers as our southern neighbor so perfectly exemplifies. There will no longer be the incentive to invite your friends down for a football week-end, for who would have the audacity to want to display a gridiron squad on the same par with some clubs *we've* seen?—Certainly not any present day Caveman.

One of the finest features of Wabash College now is the fact that the school not only stands above the rest scholastically, but also outstanding athletic-wise. Beginning in 1956, however, Wabash will rate no higher than an also-ran in any sports conversation.

Let's hope we get that undefeated season next year, men, because those of us who once considered sending our sons to our alma-mater for an *all-around* curriculum, will have long since given up hope of such an occurrence.

Sei thanks assistant sports editor Dave Orr for his aid in phrasing some of the above remarks which were tangled in the enraged mind of the former.

Hats Off! To the members of the athletic department's "chore-crew" who have been working through thick and thin (layers of ice and snow) to get the track and baseball fields in shape for the opening home encounters Apr. 1, and Apr. 11, respectively.

The Phi Psi bowling team of the National League, composed of Jerry Schneider, Chuck Sanders, Dick Hague, Jack Heuser, and Ken Groskopf, is currently enjoying an 18 game winning streak. They must be the Yankees of the C.C. Alleys.

On behalf of the Sports Staff of the *Bachelor*, Good Luck to Coaches, Bartkiewicz, Brock, Huntsman, and Kyle and their squads on the spring trip next week.

Tennis, Golf Squads Open Mon. In Dixie

The Wabash College golf and tennis teams will swing into action next week as the annual spring sports tour gets underway. Ten men including tennis coach Don Kyle will leave Crawfordsville early Sunday morning bound for Memphis, Tenn., and the season's first competition. Golf Coach Bob Brock will not be able to make the trip.

Monday, Apr. 4, the netmen encounter the University Club of Memphis while the linksters battle Christian Brothers. The following day both squads tangle with Southwestern University, also located in Memphis. Wednesday, Apr. 6, the two teams take on Memphis State College, always a power in both tennis and golf. The golf team will complete its three match schedule then, while the final tennis meet will be with Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn., on Thursday.

The tennis team is composed of Bill McCoy, Ken Groskopf, Dan Steele, Larry Faller, and Sam Gore. McCoy and Groskopf comprise the first doubles team while Steele and Faller are paired up in the second twosome.

Following spring vacation the tennis team meets Indiana Central Wednesday, Apr. 13, in the first home match of the year.

Little Giant linksters have spent the past two weeks qualifying for positions on the team and the low four scorers will make the trip. Al Schuster, who totaled 163 for 36 holes, will captain the linksmen during their first three matches. John Deardourff, John Berry, and Ron Cudek hold the remaining positions. Butler and Indiana Central are Wabash's first home opponents when the golfers battle them Monday, Apr. 11.

Thinlies Plan To Spike Southern Foes Again

The title of next week's track sojourn to the South may well be entitled: Mr. Mason and Mr. Dixon Meet the Master. The squad will entrain Monday morning, run three meets, and return next Friday.

The Cavemen will meet Arkansas State Tuesday in Jonesboro. Then they will travel to Memphis where they will meet South-

western on Wednesday, and Memphis State on Thursday. Wabash may get the cold shoulder from the traditionally hospitable South since the Cavemen dumped all of their Southern opponents last year.

Coach J. Owen Huntsman's traveling squad will consist of distance men Carlos Gowin, Clarence Mann, Jim Shively and Lloyd Scaggs; middle distance men Dick Puls, Lynn Ault, Bob Litschert and Dave Rockaway; sprint men Del Willsey, Tick Kaley and Tim Johnston; hurdlers Dick Hickman, Tom Shepherd, Tom Steele, Terry McCall and Kaley; high jumpers Ron Stasch and Shepherd; broad-jumpers George Seidensticker, and John Robertson; pole vaulters Stasch and Kaley; javelin throwers Bill Bolosky and Stasch; weight men Gene Trenary and Gil Shoaf.

Big Al Conner, leading weight performer, will be unable to make the journey. Coach Huntsman said that his absence could possibly mean the difference between winning or losing two of the three meets.

The five Wabash representatives at the Dennison Relays on the 19th of Mar. turned in a good performance. Stasch tied for fifth place in the pole vault with a 12 foot effort. The mile relay team won its heat over Ohio Univ., Carnegie Tech., Muskegon, and Central State of Ohio, but it was a slow heat, good for only sixth place. All teams in the relay ran against time, as well as other teams in their heats.

On Apr. 13 Wabash will meet Valparaiso in a dual meet at Ingalls' field. Valpo suffered ignominious defeat at the hands of Big Red last year.

The 18 men making the trip are: Outfielders: Vic Lodovisi, Bill Baran, Al Perdue and Dave Parry. Infielders: Ed Grogg, Jerry Schneider, Vince Grogg, Dennis Burdock and Rex McCoy. Catchers: Vaino Grayam, Dick Barger and Bob West; Pitchers: Bob Dyer, Jack Riley, Tom Long, Gene Pride and Bruce Swanson.

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offered the first female students unless the school receives special grants for this purpose."

When asked why the alumni and faculty were not consulted on this matter the Dean said, "This decision concerns the fundamental character of the college; therefore the Board of Trustees felt justified in acting as it did. A joint faculty-trustee committee investigated the possibility of establishing a women's college in Crawfordsville several years ago but for financial reasons and unnecessary duplication of expensive buildings this idea was set aside. The Board felt by publicizing its debate an unnecessary and serious controversy would be set off. I must agree with this position."

To the question, "What school traditions and administrative policies toward the male student body will be affected by this decision?" he replied: "First, the car rule will probably be changed . . . tightened up a good deal."

"Second, a special committee, with faculty and student members, will investigate a new set of rules of conduct. We will probably go to a published book of rules."

Dean Trippet expressed this confidence, "I hope that whatever changes come, the student body will support them and cooperate to the fullest in this difficult transition period."

The Dean revealed the specific plan for admitting these new female students. For the school year beginning Sept., 1956, about 75 freshmen girls will be admitted; the number will be increased to 100 the next year. Four years hence the total enrollment of Wabash will top 800, 250 will be women. When asked if in the future an equality would exist between the

enrollment by sexes he refused comment.

Several sites for two new dorms, each housing 75 girls, are being considered. They are to be completed by 1957. He said that house mothers would be present on each floor. Concerning sororities, "the first four years no national sorority colonies or chapters will be permitted on the campus." He refused further comment on Greek letter societies in the future.

When asked what modifications in the nature of the school would come he commented:

"Some modifications will naturally be made in the school's plant, for example, special facilities will have to be established in the major buildings of the campus. Of course, these conversions will only be insignificant in relation to the additional fees obtained from the female students."

Upon further questioning concerning the school's curriculum he said, "We will stick to our traditional liberal arts tradition. There will be no department similar to Home Economics. We will increase our fine arts offerings, art and music. I hope that the new students will lead Wabash into a new era of accomplishment in

the fields of art, drama and music."

He volunteered, "Some exploratory conversations with Culver Hospital concerning a nurses' training program have been made but no decisions are forthcoming as yet. We definitely intend to broaden our elementary school teaching program which will be on a more cooperative scale with the Crawfordsville public schools."

He concluded the interview by saying, "After next year only six colleges will be left in the country which are independent men's colleges giving only A.B. degrees."

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dormitories, and the proposed Library have all been listed as by-products of the coeducational movement.

The administration also announced that two new dorms will be built, probably in the area immediately west of Wolcott and Morris Halls. Bids are now being received by the Board of Trustees and construction is expected to begin sometime this summer.

Dean Byron K. Trippet, in an interview with a *Bachelor* reporter, said he hoped the student body would accept the change. He also said he expected most of the protest to come from the alumni whom, he said further, were not notified of the change because of its magnitude.

In a lighter vein, Dean Trippet noted that the Scarlet Masque will no longer have to worry about female players.

Other problems—size of classes, additions to the curriculum, other new buildings—still have to be worked out. Most of these are already nearly decided and will be announced as soon as they are definite.

This successful move to make Wabash a coeducational liberal arts institution is not the first one. Sentiment

for co-education here appeared as early as 1869 in conjunction with a national women's suffrage movement which was receiving considerable support in Crawfordsville.

The women's suffrage movement was led in Crawfordsville by Hannah Krout and Kate Boynton, both articulate and able supporters. Their instrument was a kind of ladies' literary club which brought in suffrage speakers which included Susan B. Anthony, one of the most famous of the suffragists. The group also agitated for co-education at Wabash and were aided by several Wabash students who met with them.

They also received support from one of the college publications of the time, *The Wabash Magazine*. This support was offset by sentiment against coeducation on the part of other publications, alumni, and the Board of Trustees. However, they did get concessions from the faculty which permitted them to attend lectures for which they would receive no credit.

The second big movement toward co-education began near the turn of the century and was supported by Peter Kennedy, a prominent Republican in Montgomery County.

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