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Mrs. Jacob Gould Shurman, President of The Campus Club of Cornell University from 1900-1920.

Preface

It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that the Campus Club's Centennial Committee presents A History of the Campus Club of Cornell University. This History is the work of Ann Roscoe and Carol Sisler, and was edited and assisted by several Committee members.

Over the past 100 years, the Cornell Campus Club has established a proud record of service to the University as well as the greater Ithaca community. In addition to the numerous social activities, you will find documented the active role of the Club during various epidemics as well as the support it gave to the Red Cross and other service organizations during the World Wars.

Today's Campus Club members continue to be involved and dedicated. The Club offers 26 activity groups spanning a myriad of interests from quilting to yoga. Our tradition of service to the international students is carried on, in particular, through the "English as a Second Language" program.

In significant ways, this History documents the changing role of women in America throughout the 20th Century. The activities in the early nineteen hundreds reflect more traditional women's roles, while in the latter half of the century, the feminist movement, not surprisingly, strongly affected the culture and activities of the Club.

The Committee has planned several functions in celebration of this Centennial year. These include special social events to occur within our traditional Fall Tea, Holiday Tea, and Spring Luncheon. In June 2001, a commemorative tree, a Cornus Kousa Dogwood, will be dedicated in the Deans Garden on campus. Public recognition will be given to the Club for the

role it has played and will continue to play on campus and in the community.

Our thanks go to the authors, Ann Roscoe and Carol Sisler, for giving of their time and talents to do this History for us. On behalf of the entire Centennial Committee, we invite you to join us in celebrating the 100th birthday of the Campus Club of Cornell University.

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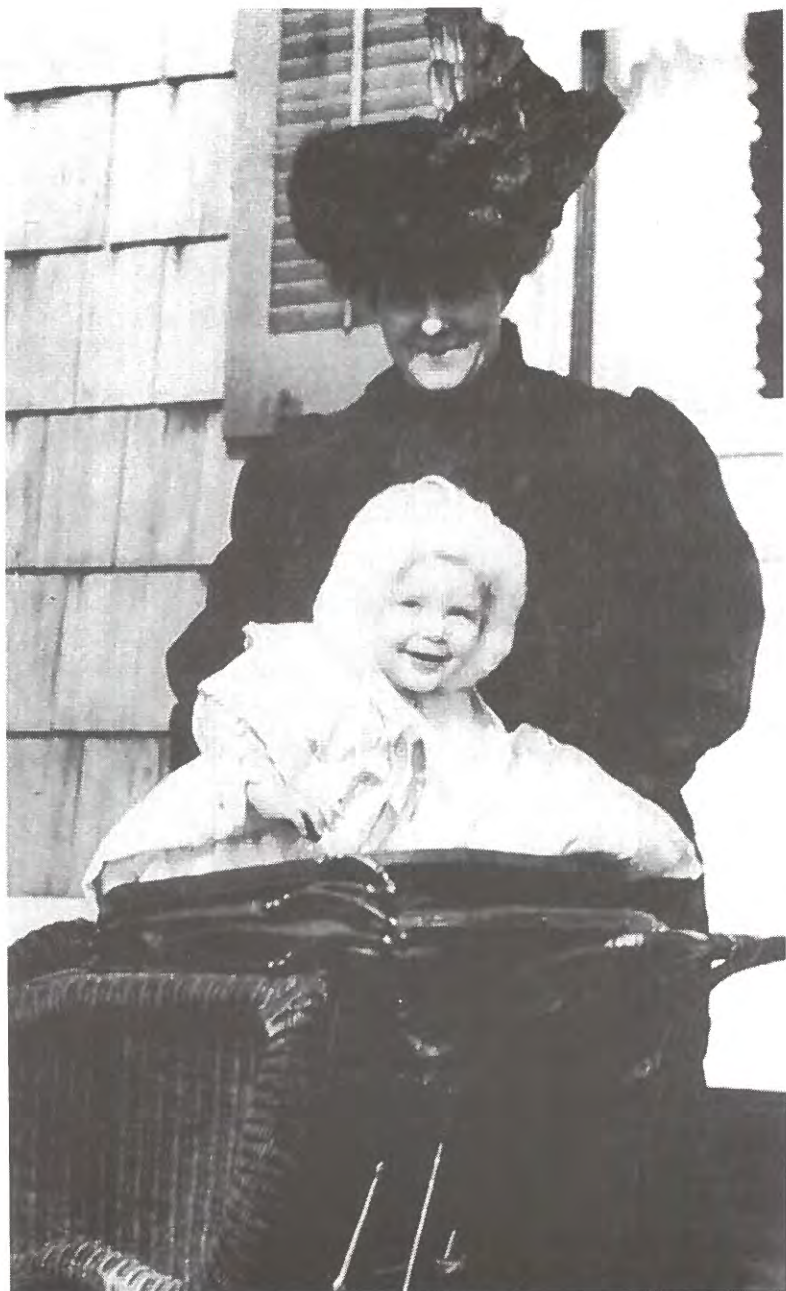
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Mrs. A.B. Trowbridge, wife of the Dean of Architecture in 1900 and original founder of The Campus Club. The date of the photo is unknown.

The First Seventy-five Years

1900 - 1975

by Ann Roscoe

Campus Club was organized in 1900 at the suggestion of Mrs. A.B. Trowbridge, wife of the Dean of Architecture. The Club was formed to welcome newcomers to the campus and to promote friendship among the women at Cornell. The original Plan of Organization for the Club invited: a) all women in the families of University trustees; b) women whose husbands, sons, fathers, or brothers were employed by Cornell; c) relatives of members residing in their households; d) women employed by the University; e) women whose husbands had once been professors or instructors and who still resided in Ithaca. This offer of sociability was extended to a campus which had 100 faculty members and 400 women in a student body of 2,047.

In the early years, printed invitations were sent to members for tea, and in 1904 seven formal teas, five informal teas, and two evening meetings were held, for a total of 14 events during the academic year. Members opened their homes for these teas, and occasionally the YMCA room in Barnes Hall was used. The guest list of 75 women was determined by dividing the membership alphabetically. Mrs. Schurman usually held the first tea in her home, which was located on the present site of Rockefeller Hall.

In 1905 the senior women students were entertained for tea, and a Maypole Dance was performed by more than 20 children on the Schurman's front lawn. In speaking of these formal teas in 1968, Mrs. T.P. Wright said, "*People dressed up in long gowns, and it was quite a gala occasion. But after the*



Mrs. Barbara Shurman

war I guess it was too much trouble. Some of the old timers miss it." Mrs. Jacob Gould Schurman, wife of the President of the University, was elected first president of Campus Club and continued to serve in this capacity until 1920 when her husband resigned the presidency after 28 years of service. Mrs. A.W. Smith, served for one year as Club president while her husband was Acting President of the University.

When Livingston Farrand came to Cornell as president in 1921, his wife Daisy was elected president of the Campus Club and served until 1929. She also was a founder of the Ithaca Garden Club and was very active in the Ithaca branch of the AAUW. Since 1929, the wife of Cornell's president has served as Honorary President of the Club. Emily Day, Eleanor Malott, Jean Perkins, and Nellie Corson have all taken an active interest in the Club and have spent many hours participating in board meetings and decision-making, as well as hostessing many of the teas and attending the general meetings.

THE EARLY YEARS

In reporting the activities of the Club for the years 1902 - 1903, the minutes say:

It was thought best to omit the meetings to have been held April 6th and May 21st because of the prevailing epidemic, but Mrs. Tarr kindly opened her house for a final club tea in June.

Morris Bishop recounts in the History of Cornell, that 681 cases of typhoid fever were reported in the first three months of 1903 with 51 deaths occurring. The University obtained its drinking water from Fall Creek, and most homeowners had wells and cisterns. Trustee Andrew Carnegie offered Cornell money for a filtration plant as well as money for grants to students whose funds had been depleted by their illnesses in the epidemic.

Campus Club was contacted in 1909 to see if its members would be interested in federating with the other women's clubs in Ithaca. A positive response from the membership began a relationship that continued until the late 1980s.

There was much concern expressed by the Executive Board of 1912 - 1913 about the high cost of living in Ithaca. A committee was established to study the problem because families found it almost prohibitive to live here. The committee's report named their organization *Ithaca Consumers Cooperative Association*. This Executive Board also voted to: (1) cooperate with the health officers in standardizing the milk supply; (2) give the proceeds of the turkey and sugar sale (\$3.00) to the Housewives League to be used for fly extermination; and (3) urge the merchants to close their stores at 6 pm on Christmas Eve.

The social activities of the Club during the war years 1917 - 1919 were curtailed so that club members could work for the Red Cross. Campus Club dues were spent for the purchase of supplies, and between January 1918 and January 1919, Campus Club turned over to the Red Cross, 34,168 surgical dressings, 343 hospital garments, 642 knitted articles, 15 layettes, and 200 handkerchiefs.

A farewell tea was held for Mrs. Schurman in June of 1920. She was presented with a Sheffield Inkstand and a scroll inscribed by Prof. Parsons and signed by members of the Club to show their appreciation for all her years as President of Campus Club.

In the fall of that year, Mrs. A.W. (Ruby Green) Smith, wife of the acting president, suggested that Campus Club invite trustees, faculty, staff and their families, including clerks and stenographers, to a dinner in the new Barton Hall Armory.



Campus Club serves 2,000 dinners for instructing staff and families at Barton Hall. November 1920

Invitations were sent for November 19th at 5:30 pm and 1440 acceptances were received. Mrs. S.P. Orth, chairman of refreshments, reported to the board that she had promised Mrs. Smith, either in money or food, the refreshments for the party. The menu was meat, potatoes, salad, rolls, coffee, ice cream, and cake. Following is a write up of the occasion from the *Cornell Alumni News* of November 25, 1920.

Campus Club Entertains

*Fifteen Hundred Members of University Community,
Including the Children, Enjoy Hospitality*

The Campus Club staged a remarkable party in the Drill Hall last Friday for the members of the instructing staff and their families. In all approximately fifteen hundred were present, and to these about two thousand dinners were served. The discrepancy may be accounted for in several ways, either by the excellent menu and gracious hostesses, or by the presence of an army of about one hundred and fifty small boys and girls, the offspring of the older guests.

The younger generation was parked on the north half of the floor and amused itself with footballs, basketballs, teetertawters, and other appropriate paraphernalia. Those of extreme youth were checked in the Tower Room in charge of a nurse. An interesting sidelight was a view of President Smith walking hand in hand with a small two-year-old who was looking for his parents.

President and Mrs. Smith welcomed the crowd to the hall, where a buffet dinner was served, and entertainment for the evening was provided by members of the Savage Club, who gave songs and dances, and of the Cornell Dramatic Club, who played *Lonesomelike*. Mass singing was led by Eric Dudley. With the exception of the dinner the entertainment was given at the west end of the hall, the audience being seated on bleachers and seats provided by Graduate Manager Berry and Professor C.V.P. Young. Colonel Barton was master of ceremonies.

Credit for the idea of the function is due to Mrs. Albert W. Smith, president of the Campus Club, an organization of the women of the Campus, particularly of wives of members of the Faculty.

Mrs. S.P. Orth was in charge of the dinner and Mrs. C.K. Burdick of the entertainment.

An important, though laborious and unheralded part of the performance was the orgy of dishwashing indulged in by the women of the Campus Club, lasting well into the next afternoon.

The physical arrangements of the affair were well carried out, but beyond the mere providing of a pleasant evening, a good dinner, and an entertaining show, was the greater service rendered of bringing together in social intercourse the hundreds of workers whose common interest in education has rarely, and in many cases never, placed them in closer communion than that of a Faculty meeting or of merely passing one another on the campus.

Mrs. Daisy Farrand sent a letter to all members in 1925 asking their support for a proposal to employ a nurse to serve Campus Club members and their families after childbirth or during general illnesses. It seems that this interesting idea was never carried through.

THE MIDDLE YEARS

The Club had grown in size from 136 members in 1903 to 313 members in 1931. It was felt that better acquaintance would occur between members if the Club became sectional and formed into interest groups that would meet in addition to the regular schedule of teas. Louise Hospital, secretary, contacted Club members and eight interest groups were started that fall. Reading plays, producing plays, French, German, Italian, and Spanish conversation, sketching, reading poetry, and choral singing were the original groups. In the years since, groups have appeared, disappeared and reappeared.

During the Second World War, Club activities were again cut short. In the first six months of 1942, \$165 worth of savings stamps to support the war effort were purchased by Club members at the regular teas. Printed invitations were omitted and charitable donations from the Club went to the USO for knitting supplies, to the American Flying Services Foundation, and for the purchase of five \$100 war bonds. Interest groups were started for Red Cross Production and for Red Cross Surgical Dressings. Gasoline shortages and war conditions forced the cancellation of all teas in the spring of 1943.

As the University started its rapid growth period following the war, the Newcomers group became a more important part of Campus Club. Mrs. W.W. Mendenhall was elected to represent them on the Executive Board. She planned additional teas and a luncheon especially for Newcomers. A Guide for Newcomers, created by Mrs. Victor C. Warren in 1951, included all kinds of information about Ithaca, Cornell, and Campus Club. The Old Timers, those having been at Cornell 25 years or more, formed their own interest group in 1945 with Mrs. V.R. Gage as chairman. The 75th anniversary celebration was dedicated to this group.



(from left): Newcomers Co-chairmen Mrs. Norma Potter and Mrs. Raymond Loehr; Honorary President, Mrs. Dale Corson; and Campus Club President, Mrs. Glenn Thacker check the folders to be given to Campus Club newcomers at the Newcomers Neighborhood Coffees or at the annual Campus Club Tea honoring those new to the Cornell community. October 2, 1969.

In 1957 the Student Medical Services asked Campus Club to help during the emergency conditions with flu in the fall and German measles in the winter. The Old Timers group took the leadership in securing volunteers to work in the convalescent dormitories. Mrs. Donald Welch was chairman of the group that year.

THE THIRD QUARTER

Hospitality to Foreign Students began as an interest group in 1947 under the leadership of Mrs. Donald Kerr. Their aim was to entertain each foreign student in an American home but, through the years, the program had broadened to include transportation and aid to incoming students, friendship groups for the wives, English conversation classes, a series of buffet dinners hosted by faculty couples, a warm clothing sale, and assigning each student to a host family. For years this group welcomed hundreds of students to Cornell and helped to make international students feel at home in Ithaca.

Campus Club meetings continued to consist of formal and informal teas through the 1950's. Women volunteered their



Dorothy Nichols of Great Britain, left, Helen Searles, Chairman of the Cornell University Campus Club Committee for International Hospitality, Masako Fushimi of Japan, Nanthea Kanjanapan of Thailand and Gail Kramer get acquainted prior to the Club's brunch, October 4, 1972.

homes for teas and the wife of the President of the University was usually hostess for a formal tea in her home.

During the 1960's and 1970's the emphasis of the Club began to change. The Newcomers Group was reorganized in 1964 under the leadership of Audrea Oberly. Meetings over the next few years included neighborhood coffees, walking tours of the old East Hill homes, wine tasting parties, bus tours of the campus, and talks on fringe benefits and Cornell folklore. After originating in Newcomers, the Happy Wanderers became an interest group for the entire club in 1970. Bus tours to Corning Glass, Oneida Silver, and Hardin Furniture, plus vacation trips to New York City and the Bahamas were led by Joan Loehr and Greta Young.

Two groups took the initiative to publish books. The Food Interest Group published A Matter of Taste in 1969. This cookbook sold out very quickly and continued to be a favorite of many members of the group. The Bird Study Group published a comprehensive guide book for ornithologists in the Ithaca area. Birding in the Cayuga Lake Basin is a generous contribution to the Laboratory of Ornithology, written by Mildred Comar and Dorothy McIlroy.

The general meetings began to include, on a regular basis, tours of newly constructed campus buildings. Dr. Kenneth Turk gave a tour through Morrison Hall, Dr. Kaser through Olin Library, Mr. Gurowitz through Baker Laboratory, and Dr. Robert Langhans through the floriculture greenhouses on Tower Road. A water ballet and diving exhibition were also viewed at Helen Newman Hall.

These meetings elicited enough interest to foster a new activity group called *Know Your Campus*. Other groups have focused on the renewed interest in handicrafts. Craft shows, a tour of the Craft Shop in the North Campus Union, and a series of pottery lessons, all had enthusiastic attendance at that time.

Sage Hospital Auxiliary and the *Professional Skills Roster* asked Campus Club for sponsorship in the mid-sixties. Jean Perkins, the wife of Cornell's President, organized the Ladies Auxiliary to the Sage Infirmary asking faculty wives to join her in serving the students confined to the infirmary. Jobs include writing letters, getting books from the library, informing friends and professors of the student's illness, and arranging rides home when necessary. The Auxiliary also fixed up a room in the infirmary where parents could spend the night. By soliciting



Mrs. Carol Dik shows weaver, Mrs. Daniel Solomon, how to braid a rug. Both will have displays of their craft at the Campus Club Coffee and Mrs. Dik will be demonstrating rug braiding for those interested. November 9, 1972

memberships in the Auxiliary from parents of incoming students, a giant ophthalmoscope, reclining therapeutic chair, electro-radiography machine, three ultrasonic humidifiers, room furnishings and accessories were provided for the infirmary.

As a reflection of the changing role of women in the workplace, the Professional Skills Roster was started by a group of faculty wives, some of whom were active in Graduate Women in Science. The board recognized a need for educated women to keep their skills sharpened during the years they remained out of the work force because of young children and family responsibilities. Thus, the Professional Skills Roster was created as an information exchange between women wishing to hold part-time or temporary jobs, and employers seeking skilled employees. Employers, including Cornell, listed available jobs with the Professional Skills Roster. A room was given, by the University, in the Sage Infirmary for use as an office. Files were kept on applicants and employers in large filing cabinets. Volunteers from Campus Club interviewed and recommended applicants before sending them on to employers.

CONCLUSION

Campus Club continues to flourish. Membership had been between 550 and 650 between 1960 and 1975, and the number of women participating in different aspects of the club program grew each year.

Over the first 75 years, the Club made numerous charitable contributions to help support a variety of community needs, and members have been of service to Cornell in other tangible ways. As a group, we made special efforts to reach out to newcomers and offer them friendship and an opportunity to participate in life at Cornell.



It is a credit to the founders of the club, and to the early members who gave the club its direction, that our purpose not only continues to be one of welcoming and promoting friendship, but that we have been, throughout the years, a group of friends.

Mrs. J.E. (Veta) Butterworth, Campus Club President in 1933-1934, helps to cut the cake at the 75th anniversary celebration.

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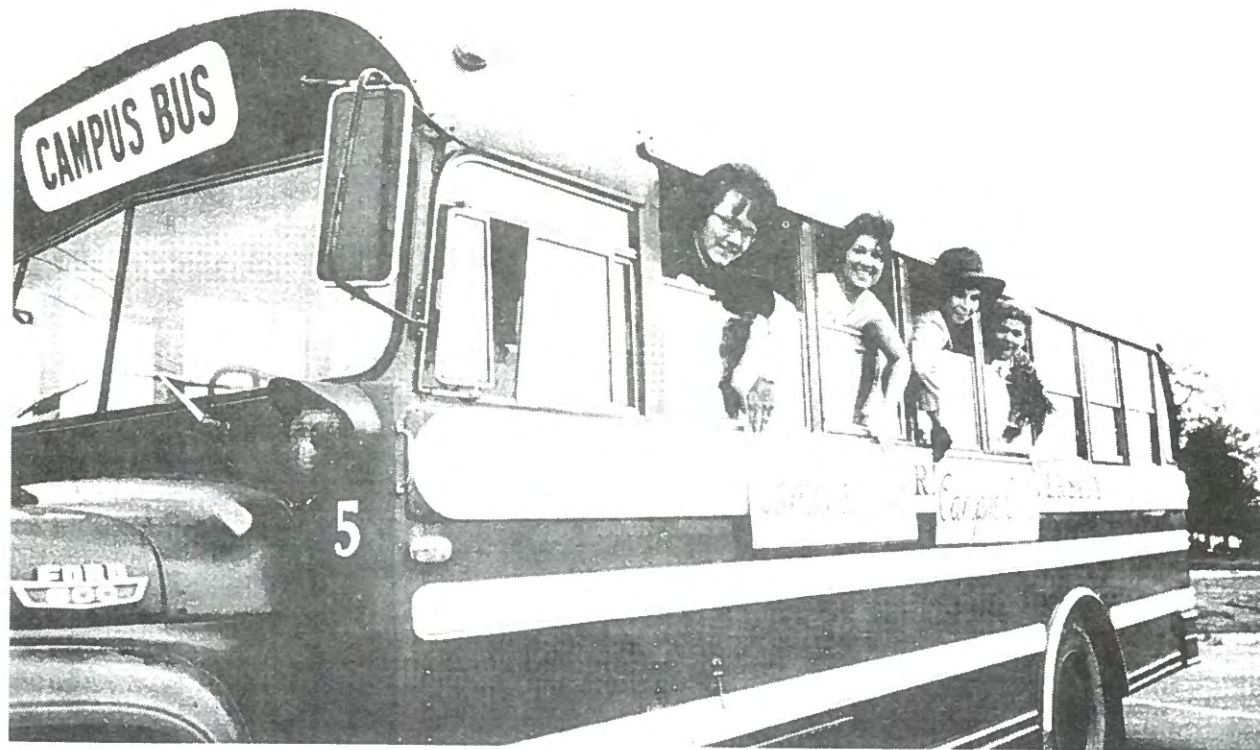
Ann Roscoe
May 1975



Members sign-up for Activity Groups at the Annual Fall Tea in 1972. Some of the women pictured are: Mrs. Olav Larson, Mrs. Jane McDaniel, and Mrs. Edith Edgerton.



Mrs. Sally Norcross models the black wedding gown worn by Mrs. E.H. Smith's grandmother, for the Campus Club style show in May, 1972.



No Muss, No Fuss, Go By Bus: This was the slogan for a special bus hired to transport members and their guests to the annual Fall Sign-up Tea held at Helen Newman Lounge in 1968. Sign holders are, from left: Mrs. Juris Hartmanis, Mrs. Harrison Ambrose, Mrs. Allan Sindler, and Mrs. George Kieisch. October 5, 1968



Some of the more recent Past Presidents of the Campus Club. Front Row (left to right): Marge Barnes, Connie Reys, Betty Miller, Emily Metz, Rosa Rhodes (past Honorary President), Elizabeth Rawlings (current Honorary President), and Edith Poppensiek. Back Row (left to right): Ann Marie Dullea, Florita Mortlock, Martha Parks, Dorothy Spencer, Lara Stanton, Melissa Pollock, Jean Gortzig, Ann Erickson, Nancy Leeming, Evelyn Brumsted, Mildred Staples, Pat Clark, and Donna Clark April 13, 2000

Not pictured are the following Past Presidents still residing in the Ithaca area: Gay Oliver, Jane Walcott, Ann Quigley, Marcie Henderson, Dolores Adler, and Deborah Cady

The End of the Century

1975 - 2000

by Carol U. Sisler

When Campus Club entered the last quarter of the 20th century, it had just paid tribute to Nellie Griswold Corson, who had served as Honorary President from 1969 to 1977. Given by Campus Club in her honor, the four black oaks that were planted at the entrance to Balch Hall are thriving, though much larger. They were dedicated on October 21, 1976.

Rosa Rhodes served as Honorary President from 1977 until the Spring Luncheon on April 27, 1995. Rosa not only participated in the activity groups, but she also established a new tradition - opening her home for the Holiday Tea. She was presented with a *Book of Remembrance*, including letters from Club members, to thank her for seventeen years of leadership and participation. The quilting group made a specially designed white and red Dresden Plate quilt which was presented to her by the Board of Trustees.

Elizabeth Trapnell Rawlings was welcomed as Honorary President in the Fall of 1995. She continues the tradition of opening her home at Holiday time. The Campus Club is very grateful to these wives of Cornell University Presidents, not only for their support of the Club, but also for their interest in the greater community.

In twenty-five years, Campus Club has survived many societal changes which could have threatened its life if it had not

been for strong leadership. Some of the changes and the Club's response to them are discussed in the following sections: membership, finances, feminism, social and program events, activity groups, and organization.



Left to right: Ione Mendenhall, Erica Evans and new Honorary President, Rosa Rhodes, chat at the Campus Club Holiday Tea in the Founders' Room at Annabel Taylor Hall. December 1977

Membership

The heart of the Campus Club is the membership, but what are the qualifications? The constitution states that the following women shall be eligible for membership:

- A. Wives of employees of the University.
- B. Women employees of the University.
- C. Wives of graduate students at the University.
- D. Women graduate students at the University.
- E. Wives of members of the Board of Trustees residing in the area.
- F. Women members of the Board of Trustees residing in the Ithaca area.
- G. Wives of visiting scholars attached to Cornell who are here for an academic year or longer.
- H. Visiting women scholars attached to Cornell who are here for an academic year or longer.
- I. Women who have retired from the University or whose spouse has retired or died while in the service of the University.

But there are always exceptions. For instance, could the mother of a faculty member presently living with her daughter become a member? In 1983, the President established a committee of herself, the Vice-president, and Membership Chairman to review the request and to inform the applicant of the decision. Can non-Cornell connected women participate in the activity groups? Rosa Rhodes stated that they were essential to the vitality of the language groups as native speakers.

When Joyce Finch concluded her presidency in 1974, the question of "open" membership was being debated and resolved by admitting female staff members and graduate students. In 1993, the proposal for associate members was positively resolved and then reversed. The *January 1993 Newsletter* an-

nounced to the membership that the creation of associate membership would be presented at the annual luncheon for approval or disapproval. Associate members would have been “*persons who are supportive of Cornell University and support the objectives of Cornell Campus Club.*” Their applications would have to be sponsored by two regular members of the Club. They would not be eligible for the Cornell ID, nor could they serve on the Executive Board: otherwise they could have participated in all the activities of the Club. Of ninety women attending the luncheon, seventy-one voted for the revision in the Constitution and thirteen voted against.

However, over the summer, the implications of opening the membership created considerable alarm. Campus Club members feared that the activity groups would be overrun with new members and they also resented the fact that of seven hundred members, seventy-one made this momentous decision. President Francie Conneman was deluged with petitions requesting reconsideration of the amendment.

In fact, the board decided to mail a ballot to all members who had paid their dues by October 1, 1993. Of 190 ballots returned, 153 voted to reverse the luncheon decision and thirty-seven voted to uphold it.

The next question for the Campus Club Board was what to do about the honorary membership category. Honorary members were not required to pay dues, however many made contributions to the Club. In 1994-95, of a total membership of 368, 152 were honorary members. As expenses for printing and mailing the program and the social events escalated, the dues paid by regular and students members did not cover the expenses. This was not a new issue. It was discussed in 1975, in 1980, and in 1994. The consensus of the board was that honorary membership status be discontinued. President M. Patricia Clark discussed the problem at length in the *January 1995 Newsletter* and asked activity chairpersons to discuss the

issue in their groups. The honorary membership category was eliminated in 1997.*

The computer entered the life of Campus Club in May 1982. A representative of Wordpro explained how computerized records on a floppy disk would aid the record-keeping for the organization. The computer could print mailing labels and also identify those members who have not paid dues. In September, the computerized records were displayed to the Board members.

Another initiative was Cornell ID cards. They were first issued to forty-two Campus Club members in 1978 and changed to photo ID cards in 1983. As parking on campus became more restricted, the members could use the cards to travel on campus buses without charge.

In 1976, the membership numbered 457 regular members, 261 honorary members, and 144 newcomers: a total of 862. The 1997-98 Annual Report listed 380 members. This drop in membership is a reflection in the changing role of women in society. Young women who could have been most active in Campus Club were now working outside the home. New members to the Club were mostly coming from women retiring from their positions at Cornell.

* In May 2000, the membership voted to include as members, alumnae and wives of alumni of Cornell University and women who reside in the Ithaca area whose children are current Cornell employees.

Finances

Since the Club relies on the dues paid by members for its income, membership and finance issues are interlocked. Throughout this period, Board members tried to increase the collection of dues by identifying those members who were in activity groups but had neglected to pay. In January 1988, one hundred eight persons were identified as participating in activity groups without paying dues or were honorary members who had not filled in a current card. Activity chairpersons are required to submit lists of members to the treasurer who then cross-checks for unpaid members; however this is a tedious job and may not have been done as often as it should have.

Another source of increased dues income could come from newcomers to the campus but they were very hard to identify. Each year as the fall semester was about to begin, letters sent to department heads, deans, and personnel offices for names and addresses of new faculty members, met with mixed success.

Feminism

During this time period, members examined themselves in relation to the national feminist movement. Were they only in the shadow of their husbands or could they be recognized by their own names? For instance, the officers and chairmen of the club were listed as Mrs. John Smith (Mary). A younger board member commented, *"I have a name of my own. I want to be listed that way."* The response from the president was: *"I don't know what the white glove set will say,"* referring to the older traditional members.

In the *January 1983 Newsletter*, the editor stated, *"I have eliminated the title of chairman after each activity listing as my own preference is chairwoman or chairperson, and I didn't wish to offend anyone by making changes."* Beginning in 1984-85, the minutes refer to chairperson or chairwoman but the occasional chairman still appears.

In January 1985, a board member asked why was it necessary to list spouses' names on the activity sign-up sheets. The response was that spouses' names eased the location of members; however, the headings of the sheets could be changed to identify spouses' names last.

Social and Program Events

With admirable regularity, the social events are organized in basically the same format but with some modest changes over the years. The Social Chairperson and her assistant engage the location of the Fall Tea (now *Coffee*) and determine the refreshment menu, coordinate the arrangements for the Holiday Tea, and end their term of office with the Spring Luncheon.

The Program Chairperson schedules the fall, winter and spring lecture series presented at locations around the campus. Previously, there was a series of February lectures held at the Johnson Art Museum on Thursday mornings. The auditorium was always filled to capacity. However, the early 1980's were a time of economic stress in the country, mainly represented by inflation. As costs escalated, the university increased its charges



Mrs. Joyce Bischoff, Mrs. Janet Smith, and Mrs. Jean Babcock plan Newcomer Coffees for 1971.



Professor Eloy Rodriguez delivers a talk on Amazonian Rainforest Medicine at the 1997 Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting.

for room rent and catering of the Fall Tea. With budgetary restraints in mind, the chairpersons struggled with costs of refreshments, especially the Fall Tea at the Robert Purcell Union. In 1982, \$400 in possible catering charges were saved by members making cookies and sandwiches. The next year Campus Club members baked 130 dozen cookies for the Fall and Holiday Teas. However, the minutes record that Cornell catering was disappointed with the amount of food ordered and that if more food were not ordered, Campus Club would be charged for the use of the silver service. Reflecting the inflationary pressures of the time, the University increased the room rental by twenty percent. In June 1984, June Darfler was paid to make all the cookies for the Holiday Tea.

To accommodate the schedules of working women, the hours for the Fall Tea were first changed to 12 noon to 2 p.m., when sliced meats and other heartier food were served, and then from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in 1988. In 1995, due to

budget and parking restraints, both the time and location were changed. A morning Coffee from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon was held at the Sheraton Inn (now the Clarion University Hotel). Parking spaces were ample and *coffee* food cost less than *tea* food - no sandwiches or cookies.

As to honoraria for featured speakers, they were presented with a bottle of wine. However in 1985, the board decided to give them \$25.00 or more. In 1994, this was raised to \$100 for program speakers and \$150 for luncheon speakers.

Activity Groups

If the membership of Campus Club is the heart of the organization, then the activity groups are the lifeblood. Meeting in small interest groups, women make friends easily and share their talents whether they be speaking in foreign languages, playing golf, cooking, quilting, or bird-watching. Over the years, the groups have numbered between thirty-six and twenty-eight, with some groups added and subtracted in between.



The Gardening Activity group learns about floral arrangements in the fall of 1999.

In 1979 the Activity Groups were:

- Antiques (2)
- Architectural History of Tompkins County
- Basic Household Repairs
- Bird Study
- Golf
- Hiking

Cross Country Skiing
International Hospitality (including: Transportation, English classes, Friendship groups, and Host Family)
Book Review
Bridge (3)
Contemporary Interior Design
Contemporary Music
Drama Reading
Professional Skills Roster
Sewing (2)
Twenty-five Plus
The Wanderers
Exercise
Food Interest
German (2)
French (2)
Spanish Conversation
Sage Auxiliary
Swimming
Student Wives
Young Mothers

In 1999, the Activity Groups were:

Agriculture Circle
Bird Study
Couples Gourmet
German Conversation
Ice Skating
Newcomers
Playreading
Spanish and English Conversation
Writing and Discussion
Art and Painting
Book Review (2)
Cross Country Skiing and Walking
German Instruction
Italian
Performers (Music)

Quilting
Swimming
Yoga for Health
Baby-sitting Coop
Bridge
French Conversation
Golf
Needlework
Playgroups for Children
Shakespeare on Video
Tennis
Gentle Chair Yoga

Some of the additions and their approximate dates were: Beginning Ballet and Couples Gourmet (Fall 1979); Yoga, Italian Conversation, Hiking, and Investment (1980); Downhill Skiing, Agriculture Circle, Couples Gourmet Group 2, Sewing Group 2, and Play-reading (1983); Tennis, Spanish Conversation, and Guitar (1983); English Gardens (1986); Shakespeare on Video-tape (1987); Gannett Volunteers, Money Management, Quilting, and Wanderers (1989); and Johnson Volunteers (1992). Some of the drops were: Sage Auxiliary (1980); Italian Conversation (1982); Ballet (1983); Guitar (1984); Real Estate Investment, and Computer (1985); Professional Skills Roster, Antiques, and French I (1986); and Sewing Once a Month (1987).

Most of the activity groups meet in members' homes but some of the large groups overflow the space. This is presently true of the Afternoon Book Review group, but the membership could not decide how and if it wanted to divide itself. It remains as one group, and everyone seems to fit in to the meeting spaces provided.

In November 1979, when this question arose, the Board resolved that any chairperson of an activity group whose membership exceeds reasonable limits can establish fair criteria for active membership. For instance, a group could limit itself to a

certain number of members or drop those members who did not participate in order to add those who would.

In 1985, the concern was raised that some Activity Leaders were charging a fee to run some groups. The Board agreed that all future activity leaders should understand they are volunteers. Campus Club also supports service groups whose members actively engage as volunteers in campus-connected service agencies. In the past these have included the Sage Infirmary Auxiliary, the Gannett-CU Health Services and Johnson Museum of Art Volunteers (short-lived), the Professional Skills Roster, and the International Committee (including English as a Second Language) which have served Cornell's international community for over fifty years. As long as there is a liaison person from Campus Club, the Red Cross is listed with the service groups.

The International Committee has a more limited focus than it did 25 years ago as the needs of foreign students changed. Friendship groups, the Host Family Program, and English as a Second Language classes are still being offered. The purpose of these groups has always been to serve the Cornell community, but participation in them is open to anyone in the Ithaca community interested in the efforts of the International Committee.

Organization

Who monitors the pulse of Campus Club? It is the officers, of course, who devotedly arrange events from the printing and mailing of the program in the fall to the distribution of the *Annual Report* at the spring luncheon. Campus Club has survived because it has had good leadership through its Executive Board. Some women decide to move up through the different offices to become vice-president and then president. Others only serve a brief period but everyone's contributions are greatly appreciated.

Traditionally, after the officers are elected at the spring luncheon, they meet with the old board to discuss Club matters and exchange those valuable notebooks which contain the responsibilities for each position as well as the Constitution and By-laws. In late August, the Board meets to stuff envelopes with the President's letter and the year's program. With events underway, the Board meets periodically to oversee them, to prepare the *January Newsletter*, and to handle any problems.

In January 1980, two changes in the By-laws were recommended to the membership. The first change was the creation of the position of Assistant Social Chairman. The second recommendation was that the Executive Board should regulate the amount of Campus Club contributions and limit them to Cornell affiliated organizations. Usually at the spring luncheon the President announces a contribution of \$100 to a worthy Cornell organization.

The Campus Club's connection with the University became more clearly defined; the *1983-84 Annual Report* mentioned contact people in University offices. For instance, Susan Connell was the liaison with the Cornell administration and Judith Bower in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty helped with the photo IDs.

As society in general became more legalistic, the Board concerned itself with liability and insurance issues. It also activated Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution which states that to maintain status and be a sanctioned group with Cornell, Campus Club must file an annual expenditure form. In January, 1994, this was interpreted to include financial statements from the activity groups - something new. Generally, these groups collect \$2.00 or \$3.00 from their members to cover the cost of printing and mailing their programs and any other minor expenditures. They retain small amounts of money, say \$25.00 to \$30.00, to carry them into the fall term. In this accountable world, these funds had to be included in the Campus Club audit. The Assistant Treasurer was charged with mailing the appropriate forms to the activity groups and collecting them for the record.

Thus, Campus Club has become an organization which provides social and intellectual groups for its members. And, on a lesser scale, but no less important, service to the community. This service aspect could be traced back to the early part of the century. The presidents of Campus Club for the past 100 years are to be saluted for dealing competently with societal changes as they guided the Club into the 21st century.



Executive Board Members (from left to right) Elizabeth King, Melissa Pollock, Katie Forker, and Debbie Cady stuff envelopes for the annual Fall mailing to Campus Club members. August 1994

Past Presidents

- 1901-20 Mrs. Jacob G. Schurman (Barbara)
- 1920-21 Mrs. Albert W. Smith (Ruby Green)
- 1921-29 Mrs. Livingston Farrand (Daisy)
- 1929-30 Mrs. Frank Thilly (Ellen)
- 1930-31 Mrs. Dexter Kimball (Clara)
- 1931-32 Mrs. C.K. Burdick (Ruth)
- 1932-33 Mrs. Harry P. Weld (Martha)
- 1933-34 Mrs. J.E. Butterworth (Veta)
- 1934-35 Mrs. E.F. Bradford (Marjorie)
- 1935-36 Mrs. W.B. Carver (Jean)
- 1936-37 Mrs. E.A. White (Cora)
- 1937-38 Mrs. W.A. Hagan (Esther)
- 1938-39 Mrs. S.C. Hollister (Ada)
- 1939-40 Mrs. Karl Dallenbach (Peggy)
- 1940-41 Mrs. Arthur Eames (Rita)
- 1941-42 Mrs. G. Watts Cunningham (Mattie)
- 1942-43 Mrs. William A. Stocking (Harriet)



Betty Miller, Vice-President, Ina Winsor, President, and Jean Perkins, Honorary President of Cornell Campus Club in 1966, greet Campus Club members at a social event.

- 1943-44 Mrs. J.W. MacDonald (Mary)
 1944-45 Mrs. Earle N. Burrows (Maude)
 1945-46 Mrs. John G. Kirkwood (Gladys)
 1946-47 Mrs. Raymond R. Birch (Olive)
 1947-48 Mrs. Arthur S. Adams (Dorothy)
 1948-49 Mrs. Ralph P. Agnew (Anne)
 1949-50 Mrs. Robert S. Stevens (Eva)
 1950-51 Mrs. W.I. Myers (Marguerite)
 1951-52 Mrs. T.P. Wright (Margaret)
 1952-53 Mrs. H.S. Liddell (Elzie)
 1953-54 Mrs. Hubert E. Baxter (Phebe)
 1954-55 Mrs. Frank C. Baldwin (Anne)
 1955-56 Mrs. Carleton C. Murdock (Dorothy)
 1956-57 Mrs. A.W. Gibson (Dorothy)
 1957-58 Mrs. Arthur Peterson (Helen)
 1958-59 Mrs. C.C. Winding (Kay)
 1959-60 Mrs. A.W. Laubengayer (Grace)
 1960-61 Mrs. John F. McManus (Betty)
 1961-62 Mrs. W. Storrs Cole (Gladys)
 1962-63 Mrs. Edgar Whiting (Evelyn)
 1963-64 Mrs. T.R. Cuykendall (Muriel)
 1964-65 Mrs. Lewis W. Morse (Lorraine)
 1965-66 Mrs. George C. Poppensiek (Edith)
 1966-67 Mrs. A.L. Winsor (Ina)
 * 1967-68 Mrs. William T. Miller (Betty)
 1968-69 Mrs. Richard H. Barnes (Marge)
 1969-70 Mrs. Glenn H. Thacker (Ruth)
 1970-71 Mrs. Nyle Brady (Martha)
 1971-72 Mrs. Edward H. Smith (Janet)
 1972-73 Mrs. Raymond C. Loehr (Joan)
 1973-74 Mrs. Lewis S. Roscoe (Ann)
 1974-75 Mrs. Joyce Finch (C. Herbert)
 * 1975-76 Mrs. Dorothy Spencer (James W.)
 * 1976-77 Mrs. Jean Gortzig (Carl)
 * 1977-78 Mrs. Connie Reps (John)
 1978-79 Mrs. Gay Oliver (Jack)
 * 1979-80 Mrs. Evelyn Brumsted (Harlan B.)
 1980-81 Mrs. Ruth Kinsella (John E.)

- * 1981-82 Mrs. Nancy Leeming (Joseph)
- 1982-83 Mrs. Emily Metz (Joseph F. Jr.)
- 1983-84 Mrs. Ann Erickson (E.C.)
- 1984-85 Mrs. Fran Stiles (Warren)
- * 1985-86 Mrs. Florita Mortlock (Robert)
- 1986-87 Mrs. Jane Walcott (Charles)
- * 1987-88 Mrs. Mildred Staples (Richard)
- * 1988-89 Mrs. Lara Stanton (Bernard F.)
- * 1989-90 Mrs. Ann MacIntyre (Ross)
- [Mrs. Ann Quigley (Joseph)]
- * 1990-91 Mrs. Marcie Henderson (James)
- 1991-92 Mrs. Martha Parks (Thomas)
- 1992-93 Mrs. Joan McMinn (William)
- 1993-94 Mrs. Francie Conneman (George)
- * 1994-95 Mrs. Patricia Clark (John)
- * 1995-96 Mrs. Dolores Adler (Kraig)
- 1996-97 Mrs. Deborah Cady (Bingham)
- 1997-98 Mrs. Anne Marie Dullea (Henrik)
- * 1998-99 Mrs. Donna Clark (Alton)
- * 1999-00 Mrs. Melissa Pollock (Clifford)
- * 2000-01 Mrs. Heidi Kallfelz (Francis)

HONORARY PRESIDENTS

- 1900 Mrs. A.B. Trowbridge - Founder
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- 1949-51 Mrs. Cornelius deKiewiet (Lucea)
- 1951-63 Mrs. Deane Malott (Eleanor)
- 1963-69 Mrs. James Perkins (Jean)
- 1969-77 Mrs. Dale Corson (Nellie)
- * 1977-95 Mrs. Frank Rhodes (Rosa)
- * 1995- Mrs. Hunter Rawlings (Elizabeth Trapnell)

* *Members of the Centennial Committee*

Opposite Page: The Cornus Kousa planted in the Deans Garden at Cornell University, to be dedicated by the Campus Club of Cornell in June, 2001.



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