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Co-Chairmen Plan Homecoming Pep

Linda Anderson and Jon Ryan, sophomores, have been elected Co-Chairmen of Augustana's 1967 Homecoming. They will be in charge of selecting the homecoming theme, planning activities, and selecting the committee chairmen to aid them with the bonfire, coronation, decorations and alumni. Next they must coordinate all the committees' activities to provide a successful homecoming.

Linda, a sociology major from Jamestown, New York, has been active in many areas of Augustana life. She has served on Representative Assembly for two years. Currently she is secretary of Women's League and historian for the COGs. Last fall she was an orientation leader.

This year Jon has also been an orientation leader, an orientation

and Friendship Fair committee chairman. An English major, he has been on the Saga Board of Review. Jon comes from Woodhull and is a POP.

Plans for homecoming will start in earnest at the beginning of school next fall. However, Linda and Jon have already met with Pris Storey and Bryce Lundeen, this year's co-chairmen, to orient themselves to their new position of planning Augie's "Pep" for next year.

Adler's 'Never Too Old To Learn' Subject For Final Lecture Series

With so much emphasis all over the nation on the recent opening of baseball season these days, students may tend to forget about the closing of a less widely known, but by no means less important, season known as the Augustana Concert Lecture Series.

Dr. Mortimer J. Adler, internationally known educator and philosopher, will present the final program of this year's Concert Lecture Series on Sunday, May 14, at 8 p.m. in Centennial Hall. He will lecture on the topic, "Never Too Old To Learn."

Dr. Adler is currently the director of the Institute for Philosophical Research. He is the inventor and editor of the "Syntopicon," to which he contributed 102 essays on the great ideas of Western civilization.

An associate editor of Encyclo-

pedia Britannica's "Great Books on the Western World," Adler also serves as co-editor, with Robert M. Hutchins, of "Great Ideas of Today" and "Gateway to the Great Books." Several essays by Hutchins can be found in "Ten Contemporary Thinkers," one of the books used in Freshman English classes this year.

From 1923 until 1930 Adler taught at Columbia University. In 1930, at the invitation of President Hutchins, he accepted a post at the University of Chicago, where he developed the Great Books Program and was instrumental in instigating many educational reforms.

Surrendering his professorship at Chicago in 1952, Adler founded the Institute for Philosophical Research, of which he is now director. His work with the institute involves primarily an analysis of philosophical literature from the perspective of the great ideas.

Adler has conducted executive seminars during the summer months at Aspen, Colorado, since 1953. His Great Books Seminars in Chicago and San Francisco celebrated their 21st and 12th anniversaries, respectively, in 1964.

Student identification cards and season tickets will be honored for his May 14 lecture, or individual tickets may be purchased at the door.



New Hours For Seniors

FLASH

The proposals below granting senior women automatic twelve o'clocks Sunday through Thursday and no hours Friday and Saturday were essentially accepted Tuesday at a meeting of the Student Personnel Committee.

Augustana women have long talked of changes in dormitory hours but have only recently taken any formal action. The following tentative proposals were presented Tuesday by the junior women with full approval and support of both House Councils and R.A. to the Student Personnel Committee for their consideration. *Because we feel senior women at Augustana College are mature and responsible, and because we feel that privileges should be granted accordingly, we the Augustana junior women make the following proposals:*

- 1) Senior women should have 12 p.m. hours on week nights.
- 2) Senior women should be responsible for their own hours on weekends (Friday and Saturday). We favor the night watchman system. Under this proposal a watchman would be hired for each girls' dormitory and would be on duty from underclass closing hours until 7 a.m.

Senior women would sign out on a separate sheet. If they returned after closing hours they would be required to sign in with the watchman.

- 3) The above privileges would be granted to senior women with parental approval only.

HOMECOMING SIGNUP
Homecoming Committee Sign Up Sheets are at the Union Desk. Please pick one up and fill it out if you are interested in serving on one of the committees, and return no later than May 12 at 5:00 p.m. to the Union Desk.

Serve on an RA Committee!

Representative Assembly in the process of selecting interested students to serve on R.A. committees will need to fill approximately 30 co-chairmen and committee member positions.

This is an opportunity for students to participate in their student government in an area of their special interest.

The committees and their various duties are:

- Elections—Handle class and R.A. elections.
 - Contemporary Conversations—Arrange speakers and guest lectures of student interest.
 - International Student Committee—Supplement the informal integration of foreign students into the college community.
 - Parents' Club—Coordinate activities of local parents' clubs with college functions.
 - Field Services—Welcome and guide visitors about the campus.
 - Publicity—Coordinate publicity of all R.A. and all R.A. committee activities.
 - Academic Affairs—Assist R.A. in studying effectiveness of present curriculum.
- Application forms will be available at the Union desk tomorrow and should be returned by the following Thursday.

Calendar, Curriculum Committee Replaced by New Study Group

Departments have replaced committees as the main avenues of change in the academic structure of Augustana.

This news will come as no surprise to those who have seen committees stumble and stagger under a burdensome structure while accomplishing little.

The Calendar and Curriculum Committee, headed by education department chairman Donald Peterson, has been disbanded. Like its predecessor, the original Calendar and Curriculum Committee led by Louis Almen, chairman of the division of philosophy and religion, its task was to review the aims and objectives of the college and consider relevant calendar and curricular changes. Lack of any significant progress in these areas led to its demise.

In its place a new committee has been formed. Formally titled the Study and Advisory Committee, it is an adjunct of the permanent Educational Policies Committee. Its functions, according to official wording, are "to receive and explore ideas related to the academic affairs of the College, to help stimulate experimentation and research within the faculty, and to assist in bringing to the faculty information on new and/or significant ideas for higher education as they appear in the scene."

Although created at a faculty meeting of Sept. 28, 1966, and scheduled to begin work Dec. 1, the committee was not appointed until Feb. 22, 1967. Its first meeting was March 8. Since then it has held three other meetings but has not considered any matters related to the academic structure except teacher evaluation and the grading system.

One other committee has been

OBSERVER NEEDS HELP

The Observer needs help. There are still a multitude of positions open on the news, feature, copy, and layout staffs. If you like to write, if you enjoy criticizing the work of others, or if you would like to help put out a newspaper no matter what the job—pick up an application blank at the Union control desk, fill it out and return it as soon as possible. The Obs can use you.

assigned work on the college's academic program. The Honors Committee, headed by Rudolph Edmund, chairman of the science division, has considered various proposals related to a freshman honors course or a core course including various subjects. So far the faculty has not adopted any of their proposals. Although no progress has been made, the committee is still at work.

The most significant work in the area of academic change is being done in various departments. The department of religion, like the psychology department, is offering courses next year based on the module. Three five-week, one-credit courses will be offered to upper-classmen first semester. "Theology and Culture," "Early Christian Heresies," and "Social Thought of the American Church" will be taught by professors Le-

vin, Beckman and Almen. No student may take more than two modules each semester, although he may take up to four credits by taking a regular three-hour course and a one-credit module.

In addition to these changes, the Old Testament course is being changed to "Introduction to Biblical Thought." It will include a historical survey of both the Old and New Testaments. With this change, the sophomore course will be called "Interpreting the New Testament." It will concentrate on textual analysis of a few New Testament books.

According to one faculty member, these departmental innovations constitute decisive wedges driven into the imposing and unchanging academic structure. These changes will force other departments to reconsider their policies, and out of this discussion might come other changes.

Peterson, Pierson Announce Freudian Id To Greet Frosh

Id-Introspection-Dimension. It may sound like the name of a new psychedelicatesen, but it's really a very serious business—Orientation 1967.

Orientation co-chairmen Jean Peterson and Cal Pierson explain the theme this way:

"The Freudian Id stands for natural motivations. When you're in high school, your choice of activities and interests is guided mostly by natural motivations. When you come to college, you seek new avenues of interest, more ways to use your talents, a more specific

dimension. This is done by introspection, and is an integral part of the ideas of a liberal arts college.

"Your search results in a commitment that focuses your wide range of possibilities on a set of meaningful goals."

All three of these are a means to an end—Orientation is only the beginning of the challenge. The theme is rather deep—but it's adaptable!"

Features from last year's program to be renewed this year are: An Evening with Fine Arts, Lynn Curtis and Ron Peterson, co-chair-

men; Faculty Tea, Karen Johnson and Tim Lomperis; Activity Fair, Mary Whitmore, and Larry Kuster; Orientation Olympics, Joy Sbertoli and Jon Ryan; and Talent Show, Phyllis Fritschle and George Hallberg.

Julie Loy and Dave Brosi are working with Dr. Parkander on choosing the book to be read by all freshmen. They plan to write a review of the book and mail it to incoming students this summer.

More emphasis on specialized program for transfer students is the job of Liz Benson and Tony Ekdale.