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A History of Accomplishments by the Organized Alumnae of Ohio State

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Recognition

The Alumnae Council is dedicated to the advancement of the finest in higher education and is composed of hundreds of individual Ohio State women who have contributed their time and money through the years to make the organization an important adjunct to the University family. The author's heartfelt thanks go to each and every one of them and especially to Josephine Sitterle Faller, whose years of distinguished leadership and service to Alumnae Council and the Scholarship Houses have included the financial support for the publication of this history. My grateful appreciation is also extended to Frank Tate, Associate Alumni Secretary, for his editing of this manuscript.

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1924 - 1929

After World War I, the number of women students and graduates of The Ohio State University increased rapidly.

In the early 1920's, several prominent alumnae of the University saw need to establish, within The Ohio State University Association, an organization to unite and serve the alumnae.

Ohio State alumnae in various cities were contacted and asked to serve on a planning committee to establish such an organization.

Chairman of the planning committee was Edith Seymour Smith, assisted by Nan Costigan, Ethel Herrick Thompson and Mrs. Wilbur H. Seibert.

The committee's recommendation resulted in the formation of the Alumnae Council of The Ohio State University.

Officially, The Alumnae Council was organized on Alumni Day, June 7, 1924. Agnes Smiley Funk, Columbus, presided as temporary chairman at the meeting, held in the Grand Lounge of Pomerene Hall. Dean of Women Elisabeth Conrad told the assembled guests how Alumnae Council could serve the interests of women students at the University.

Officers were elected at that first meeting. President was Ethel Herrick Thompson, Columbus. Helen Taylor Nicklaus, Toledo, was named First Vice President; Helen Gardner, New York City, Second Vice President: Marguerite Gardner Grant, Springfield, Secretary; and Margaret Howard Hawkins, Cleveland, Treasurer. Charter members included representatives from Canton, Cleveland, Columbus, Springfield, Toledo and New York City.

The Council stated as its purpose: "The consideration of matters of special interest to alumnae of the University and to women students of the University."

Meetings of the Council were to be held twice a year. Membership was to consist of one representative from each organized alumnae club and one representative selected by the Council from each of the several localities where no alumnae club had been organized.

At the first regular meeting of the Council, Dean Conrad addressed the delegates and urged that the Council representatives become better acquainted with the outstanding high school girls in their home communities and talk to them about the advantages of The Ohio State University. Dean Conrad said the University wished to enroll girls of top caliber so that it could maintain the highest standards of scholarship and leadership among its women students.

Thus began the foundation for one of the most important projects Alumnae Council has undertaken through the years: Student Promotion.
The Council's second meeting was held February 21, 1925 at the Faculty Club, then located on the third floor of the Administration Building. Delegates from four cities attended.

The desire to help women students took concrete form at this meeting. Preliminary plans were made to establish a Scholarship and Student Loan Fund.

J. Lewis Morrill, secretary of the Alumni Association, spoke to Council delegates at the third meeting, Alumni Day, June 11, 1925. He emphasized that strength of the Council was dependent upon the success of alumnae clubs. Discussion then centered on organization of alumnae clubs in additional cities.

Marguerite Gardner Grant was elected President of Alumnae Council, serving from 1926 to 1928. During her term, the new Council explored means of financing and administering its Scholarship and Loan Fund.

Alumnae Council members, returning to campus for their meetings, toured new dormitories and buildings as well as the older buildings. Campus tours have remained a traditional part of Council gatherings.

The Pomerene Fireside Evening was inaugurated March 31, 1928. Mrs. Lucy Allen Smart, gifted artist-impersonator, gave a portrayal of Harriet Beecher Stowe. The program launched a series of annual prestige meetings at which faculty members and alumnae gathered to hear an alumna who had gained distinction in her chosen professional field.

1929 - 1934

The mid-winter meeting in February, 1929 saw Marjorie Beebe Hadley presiding as Council President. Delegates were present from 14 alumnae groups: Waverly; Cincinnati; Akron; Delaware; Sandusky; Steubenville; Marion; Cleveland; Toledo; Springfield; Detroit; Lexington, Kentucky; Pittsburgh and New York City.

Financing was still a problem of the Council. Members voted that dues of $2.25 per capita were to be paid to the Council by each local alumnae club member.

At the Council meeting in June, 1929, growth in the number and size of local alumnae clubs was noted. Council dues were received from chartered alumnae clubs in Dayton; Columbus; Toledo; Akron; Springfield; Pittsburgh; Detroit, and New York City.

The Scholarship and Loan Fund for needy women students received its initial large contributions: $100 each from alumnae clubs in Springfield, Akron, and Toledo. The fund grew rapidly. By June, 1931 the Council Treasurer reported receipts and disbursements of $2,750 from this fund.

In 1929, teas for outstanding high school students were discussed. They were to inform top-ranking students about the University in the hope of encouraging enrollments. Today, this is still an important project of Alumnae Council and the local alumnae clubs - a majority of whom hold high school recognition programs each year as an effective means of student promotion.

John E. Fullen, executive secretary of The Ohio State University Association, first addressed the delegates in March, 1930. His topic was "Continued Education." He was vitally interested in the welfare of Alumnae Council, and his addresses each year became part of the Council meetings.

Elizabeth Frost, Pittsburgh, served as President of Alumnae Council from 1930 to 1932. During her tenure, the sale of University plates was carried out as a fund-rais­ing project.

The Depression cut deeply into all phases of the University. When President George W. Rightmire addressed the 28 Council delegates in 1932, he said, "The saturation point in economy has been reached, and further cuts in appropriations would definitely cripple the University's services to the people of Ohio." By June, 1932, Alumnae Council was planning a vigorous campaign to assist the University's efforts to halt additional cuts and obtain more money from the Legislature.

That year, 1932, saw the organization of the Indianapolis Alumnae Club.

During Elizabeth Frost's administration, both an Advisory Board to the Alumnae Council and a Ways and Means Committee were created.

Frances Jones, Dayton, was elected Alumnae Council President in 1932; served until 1934. During her administration, the Bellefontaine Alumnae Club was established.

At the Council meeting on June 10, 1933, there were 301 members of local alumnae clubs, based on dues-paying members to Alumnae Council:

- Columbus - 86
- Dayton - 20
- Detroit - 32
- New York City - 32
- Niles - Warren - 20
- Pittsburgh - 34
- Springfield - 20
- Steubenville - 20
- Toledo - 11
- Zanesville - 16

1934 - 1939

Alma Wacker Paterson, Columbus, assumed the Presidency of Alumnae Council in June, 1934. Recipient of many honors, she was a past member of the Board of Directors of The Ohio State University Association and
was the first woman to be a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

At the Council meeting held in the Faculty Club, December 15, 1934, the first discussion arose on the establishment of a "Campus Home" for cooperative living, similar to that of the Tower and Buckeye Clubs for men students.

By this time, Council's principal project, the Scholarship and Student Loan Fund had received nearly $4,000 from alumnae clubs and had disbursed that money to needy women students. The University's Board of Trustees had commended the project.

Council voted to sponsor a Cooperative House project at that December meeting. Delegates were asked to explain the project to their local alumnae clubs, which responded favorably and authorized Council to proceed with plans.

Council members voted to close the Scholarship and Student Loan Fund to future gifts, and use future donations for a Cooperative House. This, too, was approved by local alumnae clubs.

Alumnae not members of local clubs were contacted by mail and asked to contribute a dollar a year for three years. The response was most encouraging.

Following establishment of the project, a search was begun for a suitable house. A number of residences were investigated but most were too expensive, too far from campus or in need of too many repairs.

A three-year lease was signed in June, 1935, for a double at 215-17 West Tenth Avenue, across from Starling-Loving Hospital. The University Architect's Office supervised remodeling into a 20-room single that would house 33 girls comfortably. Rent was $70 a month.

Council hoped to raise $1,200 the first year: $800 for the rent and the remainder earmarked for other expenses.

The University was to furnish beds, mattresses, pillows, lockers, dressers, and other furniture. Remodeling expense of the House was borne by the University. Arrangements were made for the University to buy food for the House at the same discount rate as other dormitories received. Edward S. (Beanie) Drake, manager of the old Ohio Union and the Tower Club, agreed to plan meals and purchase food for the House.

Residents of the House were to be selected by Dean Bland L. Stradley, University Entrance Examiner. Selection was on the basis of scholarship, character, need, attitude toward a college education and recommendation of their high school principal.

A preceptress, or house-mother, was appointed to be in charge of residents and to manage the House. All University rules pertaining to dormitories applied to the House.

Since this was to be a "Scholarship House," a minimum academic standing of a 2.7 point-hour ratio was to be retained by each resident. Later, the point-hour ratio was revised to 2.8.

It was also to be a "Cooperative House," with work portioned out to each of the residents.

Trustees of the University officially approved all of the arrangements for the Cooperative House as formulated by Alumnae Council. In March, 1935, Trustees accepted the proposed financial plan and agreed to equip the House if Council would assume responsibility of paying the rent and provide light, telephone and heat.

Council established an Administrative Committee of the Alumnae Cooperative House, composed of Alumnae Council members and University officials, to supervise the House and its residents.

At the Council meeting held June 8, 1935 in Pomerene Hall, Harriett Daily Collins, chairman of the House project, reported that 18 names were on file at the Entrance Board for admittance to the House. A number of women had applied for the position of preceptress.

It was reported that $516 of the $840 needed for the first year's rent had been received from alumnae clubs and individuals.

From Council minutes of June, 1935: "Mitch the money that is now in the bank, a number of clubs still to be heard from, and the number of gifts promised, there is no doubt that this very real venture of the Council will be a success."

Many questions and issues faced the new Administrative Committee of the Alumnae Cooperative House as it formulated plans and policies. From the Committee's minutes of June, 1935: "The Inter-Racial Committee has approached the chairman of the project with the question of mixed races in the House. The answer indicated was 'no' but the question was left for a vote of this body. A number of members have already signified their displeasure at the thought. It was explained to the interrogator that the project is not a University move but a private venture, so to speak." It was felt many of the groups would not care to support such a venture with mixed races. It was suggested, however, by the chairman that the Council would be glad, if the project moves, to assist the Negro or any other race having needy women on the campus to set up such a house for them if there were enough students enrolled at the University, thus giving them the same opportunity as is being given here to white girls."

When in 1935 Autumn Quarter began, the Cooperative House was
opened to 23 freshmen women and 10 upperclassmen and known as the Alumnae Cooperative House.

The Ohio State University MONTHLY, enthusiastic about the establishment of the Cooperative House, printed several detailed articles about the project.

Said the MONTHLY in October, 1935: "The 33 are pioneers in the first such venture tried at a co-educational institution under the leadership of the women graduates. The House is just what its name implies: a cooperative establishment where the residents do the work in return for room and board at a price well within the financial reach."

Margaret Guilford was the first preceptress. She was paid $35 a month, plus room and board, by Council.

House residents elected officers and set up rules for their mode of living. Marjory Hoffert, later to become a faculty member, was the first House president. She attended the portions of Council meetings that dealt with House operation.

By the December, 1935 meeting Council, the Cooperative House had been in operation for a quarter, with income assured for the full year.

The 33 residents had a 3.03 point-hour accumulative for the first quarter, with two girls receiving 4.0. High standards were established from the beginning, for those 33 "pioneers" made one of the highest group academic averages ever recorded at the University.

Delegates to the December Council meeting were invited to attend a tea sponsored by "Our girls of the Cooperative House." The tea enabled delegates to see the dream of Alumnae Council in actual operation.

Alma Paterson was re-elected as Council President for 1936-38.

Council's meeting for June, 1936 was held in the Grand Lounge of Pomerene Hall. Alumnae clubs were active in Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, New York City, Pittsburgh, Springfield, Warren and Bellefontaine. The Council President expressed the hope that more alumnae clubs would soon be formed to make possible the opening of another Cooperative House and to assist more girls.

Cooperative House had been in operation for three quarters by this meeting. Autumn Quarter had seen 33 girls in residence; Winter Quarter, there were 31 residents; and in Spring Quarter, 28. Council had contributed $1,009.70 to the House; expenses had totaled $937.96. The balance of $71.74 was applied toward rent for the Summer Quarter.

In September, 1936, the Administrative Council revised rules and procedures based upon experiences of actual operation.

Action was taken on menus, rules for students, cultural activity of the girls, and duties of the preceptress.

The House social committee was to invite guests at least once a week. Leading administrative and faculty members were invited. The girls benefitted from the social contacts and the guests saw the House operation at close range. Vice President and Mrs. J. Lewis Morrill were the first dinner guests.

A cultural program for residents was undertaken. Arrangements were made with the Women's Music Club to donate tickets for Columbus concerts whenever the tickets were available.

A course in etiquette was organized. It was taught by members of the Home Economics staff and by the Dean of Women.

Council minutes for the first year reported the average cost of meals for the period ranged from 12 to 14 cents per meal. Records also indicate the girls complained bitterly about the food. Changes in menu and preparation were attempted. Finally, it was discovered the cook could not read and thus could not prepare the recipes sent her by the University. A new cook and a new preceptress followed.

At the Administrative Committee meeting, October 31, 1936, plans were discussed for opening a second House. Agreement to do so was predicated upon the availability of funds.

It was in 1936 that memberships—at-large in Council were created. Such memberships, it was felt, would expand the influence of Council.

In March, 1937, the House Administrative Committee voted to keep the House open for Summer Quarter. Residents were limited to 20 summer school students. Scholarship and academic rank were not considered for selection of summer residents. Each resident paid $6 per week for room and board. A profit of $15 was made for the first summer operation of the House.

In June, 1937, Alumnae Council surveyed a second successful year of House operation. At the close of the meeting, Mary Pomerene gave Council $100 for the House. Invited to become an active member of Alumnae Council, she contributed many years of faithful service to the organization.

By Council's meeting in December, 1937 the House venture was two and a half years old. Chairman Collins reported: "To say that the Alumnae Cooperative House has been a success is putting it mildly—this year should see the whole establishment out of the red in every department. Since there are no new furnishings bought, and the price of board has been raised 25 cents per week, practically every cent donated by various alumnae groups has been used as first planned— to pay rent, heat, light and the house-mother."

The scholarship average for House residents during the period had been exceeded by only one campus group: the Phi Beta Kappa Chapter.
National recognition was focused on Cooperative House. The U. S. Department of Education chose the House for a survey. Results were published in pamphlet form and distributed to American colleges and universities, telling how the House was established and operated.

The Board of Regents of American Colleges and Universities included in its minutes an article on House operation by Council President Alma Paterson.

The Phi Delta Gamma Journal, March, 1936, described the project in detail, noting "Thus, where approximately $1,200 donated by alumnae groups to the Loan Fund annually helped less than 15 girls in a year, the same amount of money applied to rent, heat, and light enables more than twice that many, with a little help from home and the work they have on campus, to obtain a college education."

The University included a brochure on the Cooperative House with copies of the Graduate School bulletin mailed out.

The Administrative Committee strongly recommended a larger Cooperative house or dormitory, one that would accommodate 100 women students, be built on the campus with money appropriated by the State Legislature.

At the Administrative Committee meeting of November, 1938, it was voted to ask University officials and Trustees to approve the request of $190,000 for the construction of a Cooperative House. This was included in the request for appropriations from the Legislature.

Hundreds of signatures were obtained asking that the Board of Trustees place the request on their budget. Late in 1938 it was placed on a second list of buildings, but the committee was told it would be another two years before any action could be taken on the proposed Cooperative House.

The consistently high scholastic and academic standings of the House residents; the many campus honors that they had received; the national recognition that had been focused on the House; and the fine publicity that the project had received, were the factors in the decision of Alumnae Council to vote unanimously to keep the House in operation beyond the three-year trial period and establish it on a more permanent basis.

In the spring of 1938, a three-year lease was signed for the Cooperative House. It was decided that the capacity would be set at 32 residents.

Money-making projects always provided a lively focal point of Council meeting discussions. In February, 1938, the Council Executive Board voted that the sale of Ohio State University playing cards would be added to the ice tea glasses project which had been a fund-raising venture for several years.

At the December, 1938 Council meeting, Alumni Secretary Fullen and D. E. Proctor, assistant secretary of the Development Fund, spoke to delegates. They explained the organization, operation and progress of the Development Fund currently being established at the University. Possibilities for great assistance to the Cooperative House were considered.

Alumnae Council contributed to various University activities at this time, including the sponsoring of a survey of student living on the campus, conducted by the Bureau of Educational Research. Council contributed $100; the University, $450 for the survey.

Two highlights stand out as Council approached its 15th year: the establishment and successful operation of Alumnae Cooperative House and the start of Council cooperation with the Development Fund. The house was the first cooperative dormitory at a co-educational institution to be planned and directed by alumnae of the University. Council's cooperation with the Development Fund was destined to grow in the years to come with the result that support and expansion of the Cooperative House would ensue.

1939 – 1944

Reports from the Cooperative House continued to be excellent. During 1939, it turned out, House residents achieved the highest point hour of any of the cooperative houses on campus.

Twenty-five delegates from 11 cities attended the December, 1939 Alumnae Council meeting.

The question of a new name for the House arose at the meeting. It was voted, after much discussion, that the Executive Committee should be empowered to select a new name.

At the June, 1940, meeting of Council, Mary Pomerene reported the Executive Committee's decision: "Alumnae Scholarship House." The change was officially made.

The Advisory Committee of the Alumnae Scholarship House was established in 1940. (The name has since been changed to The Advisory Board of the Alumnae Scholarship Houses, but its plan of operation has remained essentially the same.)

The Advisory Committee was composed of Alumnae Council members and University faculty and staff members. Their purpose was to supervise the Scholarship House and its residents.

Clara Raynor Rader was the first chairman of the Advisory Committee, which had 27 members and held stated meetings each quarter.

Mary Campbell Danaher, Akron, was elected president of Council for the 1940-42 term.

In February, 1941, the Advisory Committee voted that the Alumnae
Scholarship House be placed directly under the authority of the Office of the Dean of Women, as were other women's residence halls.

The Ohio State MONTHLY, in its May, 1941 issue, carried an article on the progress and achievements of the Alumnae Scholarship House and noted: "...With...a long waiting list of applicants on file in the University Examiner's Office, the Council felt that the project should be organized on a more permanent basis and continued."

At both the Alumnae Council and the Advisory Committee meetings in the spring of 1941, the need for locating and securing a new and more desirable Scholarship House was discussed. Committees were appointed to investigate possible properties. It was decided that the ideal home arrangement would be to have a dormitory on the third floor of a house, then place five or six girls in each second floor room for study.

Discussion was held about the advisibility of signing a new lease for the House. In view of the possibility of moving, a one-year lease was signed in the fall of 1941 for a monthly rental of $75.

Residents, in 1941, were paying $3.50 per week for board; $5 per quarter for room rent. By 1943, the house-mother was paid a salary of $55 per month, with a three-week, paid vacation to be taken in the month of September.

Discussions on a cooperative dormitory continued with University officials. Sights were raised to one with a capacity of 120 girls but the project was never achieved.

A brochure, describing the House and achievements of its residents, was distributed to 1,400 high schools in Ohio during 1943 in an effort to increase applications from top scholars.

Through its first eight years, the Scholarship House saw its residents maintain an average academic point-hour ratio of 3.0 plus.

World War II and its travel restrictions held down the work of Alumnae Council and local clubs. Still, local clubs continued to support the Scholarship House. In 1941, club contributions totaled $778; in 1942, $475.21; and in 1943, $451.68.

1944 - 1949

On June 10, 1944, Alumnae Council held its annual meeting at the Faculty Club and Ruth Jones (later Ruth Jones Curry), Pittsburgh, was elected President for 1944-46.

Alumni Secretary Jack Pullen reported on the Development Fund to the delegates. He said more money was being earmarked for alumnae work and expansion; that success of the Fund resulted from keen interest on the part of both alumni and alumnas.

Concert soprano Margaret Speaks was the honored alumna for the Annual Alumnae Council Pomerene Fireside Evening, held in December, 1944.

The constitution of The Ohio State University Association was revised in 1944. It integrated all of the Association's subsidiary organizations and committees into the framework of the Association. Alumnae Council, the local alumnae clubs and the Advisory Committee of the Alumnae Scholarship House were included.

This reorganization of The Ohio State University Association brought about an "Alumnae Expansion Program" much the same as the Council program today. It included contacting active alumnas clubs, re-activating inactive clubs, organizing new clubs, monthly Council bulletins, working with The Ohio State University Association and keeping accurate and complete records of all Alumnae Council actions.

The Ohio State University Association set aside $2,500 for the expansion of the alumnae program. In 1945, the Association employed an Assistant Alumni Secretary for Alumnae Affairs for the first time: Mary Lois Kays, Columbus.

Alumnae Council appointed a committee, with Clara Rader as chairman, to revise the Council's constitution to conform with the Alumnae Association's constitution. The new constitution for Council was adopted June 15, 1946. It was approved by the Directors of The Ohio State University Association on November 23, 1946.

The same committee that revised the Alumnae Council constitution prepared a suitable constitution for consideration of local alumnae clubs. It was subsequently accepted and approved by Council, the Alumni Association and local clubs.

The Scholarship House Advisory Committee, back in 1944, had presented a formal resolution to Development Fund Directors for a subsidy to put the House financial operation on a current basis. The Fund had allocated $800 for that purpose.

And during 1944, much serious consideration was given to a new location for the Scholarship House. The West Tenth Avenue property was sold by its owner. The Officer of Price Administrator (OPA) pressured removal at the earliest possible opportunity.

In the fall of 1944, the Advisory Committee voted to lease the property at 201 East Sixteenth Avenue, a spacious three-story brick home. It was as fine as many of the sorority houses and provided all the educational and social opportunities of college and dormitory life. Delegates to the Alumnae Council meeting of December 9, 1944 were told of the impending move to the new location.

The new Scholarship House fulfilled a dream of many persons who had worked tirelessly for Alumnae Council and the Scholarship House. Among them were: Alumni Secretary Pullen; Mary Pomerene, former chairman and member of the Alumnae Scholarship House Advisory Committee;
Chloe McGlinchay, treasurer of the Advisory Committee; Adeline Underwood, member of the Advisory Committee and active in selecting girls for residence in the House; and Clara Rader, member of the Alumni Advisory Board and first chairman of the Scholarship House Advisory Committee.

By April, 1945 Alumni Secretary Fullen reported a lease had been signed for the East Sixteenth Avenue property. He also discussed the possibility of purchase through the Development Fund, perhaps on a land contract. A committee undertook study of the possibility.

A special report, dated April 20, 1945, stated the new Scholarship House could be purchased for $18,000. It required a down payment of $3,000 and a mortgage of $15,000 at 4% interest. A land contract would have required $20,000 with 6% interest. The Advisory Committee figured outright purchase would result in savings of at least $600 per year as well as ownership of the house.

Twenty members were in attendance when Alumnae Council met June 16, 1945 to consider the purchase possibility. Mary Pomerene made a generous gift of $3,000 to the Scholarship House Purchase Fund which was used as the down payment.

The new House was deeded to the University, which assumed the responsibility for care and upkeep. Alumnae Council signed a note for $15,000 as a security measure and was to be responsible for the House as a project of Council. The Development Fund appropriated $1,800 annually to retirement of the debt. Contributions by local alumnae clubs through the Development Fund were credited over and above the $1,800.

The Sixteenth Avenue House operated on a tight budget in its early days. Alumnae Council and the local clubs contributed money for improvements and furniture and necessary items. Some clubs also gave smaller pieces of furniture and equipment.

The House was in operation during the summers and 1945 and 1946 on the same basis as before: $15 room rent for regular House residents; $45 for non-residents. No meals were served.

An Alumnae Scholarship House Alumnae Club was organized after the annual Homecoming Dinner held November 23, 1946. More than 120 alumnae who were former House residents were eligible for membership.

Dorothy Evans Lewis, Columbus, was elected president of Alumnae Council for the 1946-48 term.

During the post-war period, several new alumnae clubs were organized and others were reactivated. The Lima Alumnae Club was formed in June of 1946, with Gae Morton Beach elected its first president.

By December, 1946, Alumnae Council records listed a dozen alumnae clubs: Akron, Bellefontaine, Cincinnati, Columbus, Detroit, Indiana-

polis, Lima, Pittsburgh, Steubenville, Chicago, Cleveland, and Youngstown.

The Columbus Alumnae Club, organized for 50 years, and the Pittsburgh Alumnae Club, organized more than 25 years, both rejected the model constitution for local clubs adopted in 1946 because of certain provisions. Since it was necessary for an alumnae club to approve the model constitution, incorporate the necessary provisions into its constitution and then have it approved by all official sources before receiving a charter from The Ohio State University Association, these two clubs were not chartered or officially recognized.

Christine Yerges Conaway, dean of women at the University, was the honored alumna for the annual Pomerene Fireside Evening, December, 1946.

By February, 1947, the mortgage on the Scholarship House had been reduced to $11,308.32 in less than three years.

A net profit of $726 resulted from House operations in 1946-47. The Development Fund deposited $760 in back funds, making the total cash balance on hand: $2,322.82.

Since the House was in need of many improvements, it seemed an appropriate time to act. For $710, the grounds were landscaped, the driveway straightened and paved, new drapes made for the living room, slip covers sewn, rooms painted, new blinds and curtains obtained for part of the house, and an extra wardrobe purchased.

House residents continued to maintain high scholastic averages. During Winter Quarter, 1947, three students received straight 4.0 averages. Residents received many honors on campus and were elected to numerous honoraries, including Mortar Board and Phi Beta Kappa.

The Franklin County Alumnae Club was organized October 7, 1947. This club became the official alumnae club for Columbus and Franklin County. Marie Chrysler Donnelly was its first president.

The Lancaster, Ohio State University Alumnae Club was established in the spring of 1948 and received its charter on August 10, 1948. Janet Souder Crist served as first president of the Lancaster Alumnae Club.

In January 1948, Mrs. Julius Stone (Edna Andress) gave $1,000 to the Scholarship House to establish a loan fund. The Advisory Committee deposited the money in a bank and set the sum as an emergency small loan fund. Loans were not to exceed $50 and would be repayable within one month at no interest. The fund was named "The Edna Andress Stone Loan Fund for the Alumnae Scholarship House." The fund became available at the beginning of Spring Quarter, 1948. Her husband, Julius Stone, Sr., had served as a member of the University's Board of Trustees for many years.
Net profit for operation of the House for 1947-48 was $305.55. More improvements, including outside painting, were made in the summer of 1948.

Eleanor Taylor Dungan, Chicago, was elected Council President for 1-48-50.

The 23-year alumnae organization could look back on the purchase of the Alumnae Scholarship House, an expanded program for alumnae work and the creation of the post of assistant alumni secretary for alumnae affairs, as well as the creation of several new clubs.

1949 - 1954

The Scholarship House mortgage was $9,500 in January, 1949. And the fee for each resident of the House was raised $5 to $80 per quarter to offset rising costs of food.

During the summer of 1949, additional improvements were made in the House: built-in dresser and wardrobe units, small rugs for each room, mirrors, towel racks, bulletin boards, fluorescent lights and even an outdoor sign to identify the Scholarship House.

Another new club, the Canton Alumnae Club, was formally organized during the summer of 1949.

The first Alumnae Council Fall Workshop was held September 10-11, 1949. There was plenty of work. Council members repaired equipment, painted furniture and cleaned the Scholarship House in preparation for Autumn Quarter. Delegates also attended a Council business session and several program-planning sessions during the two-day workshop, which Council President Dungan said was so successful that everyone was "eagerly looking forward to the next one."

By the spring of 1950, the mortgage on the House had been reduced to $8,500. Alumnae clubs were reminded that their contributions could be earmarked to speed further reduction of the mortgage.

New carpet for the living room was one of the dreams and objectives of both Council and the Advisory Committee. In the spring of 1950 the purchase became possible.

There was no letdown in the scholastic averages maintained by House residents. Two girls made 4.0 averages for Winter Quarter, 1950; several others were above a 3.5. And seven maintained higher than a 3.5 for all three quarters of 1950-51.

Housing for veterans had been a major problem during the post-war years, with many of them living in trailers at the Fairgrounds. Alumnae Council undertook a recreation center for children of veterans as a project and donations were accepted for it as long as the need existed.

In February, 1950, Mary Lois Kays resigned as assistant for alumnae affairs to join the Girl Scouts organization in Chicago. Nancy Dunham was selected in May, 1950 to become assistant alumni secretary for alumnae affairs of The Ohio State University Association.

Ann Jenkins Boyer, Detroit, became Council's President for the 1950-52 term.

Redecorating and remodeling of both the dining room and hall of Scholarship House were completed during the summer of 1950 for $600.

The Second Alumnae Council Workshop was held in September, 1950 with 23 delegates present. A recruitment program for outstanding students was discussed. The project, a major one for the Council when it was first organized, was re-activated. A gavel for the best alumnae club scrapbook was presented to the Lancaster Alumnae Club at this workshop. The gavel award was continued for several years, then discontinued.

Scholarship House residents formed a choral group during the fall of 1950 and sang for the Pomerene Fireside program, December, 1950. On the academic side, five of 33 Lazarus scholarships awarded in 1951 were given to House residents.

The 28 delegates who attended the Third Annual Alumnae Council Workshop were given a campus tour that included the new Alumni House, the recently completed addition to the Archaeological Museum and the not-quite-completed new Ohio Union.

The Union was completed by the time of the annual Pomerene Fireside Evening of 1951. It was held in the new Union, with Dr. Esther McGinnis, psychologist and family life specialist, the honored alumna.

By January, 1952, the Edna Andress Stone Emergency Loan Fund for Scholarship House residents had been in operation for four years. The total amount of money loaned was $1,837 in 60 loans to 26 girls. All loans except the most recent had been repaid.

In the spring of 1952 the mortgage on the Scholarship House had been reduced to $1,842.80.

House improvements during the summer of 1952 included landscaping the front lawn, redecorating the head resident's quarters, purchasing some new furniture for the living room, and replacing the carpet in the living room. Although only two years old, the carpet was badly worn. The company which sold it installed a finer quality round wire twist carpet for only the service charge of $232.

In 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Hanley (Habel Davison) established a scholarship fund to be known as the Lucy Lelia Scholarship in honor of their mothers. These scholarship awards were to be given to residents of the Alumnae Scholarship House each year.
In 1952, Alumnae Council was saddened by the death of one of its most valuable members and past president, Dorothy Evans Lewis. As a tribute, Alumnae Council voted to place the Alumnae Loyalty Key, which Council had previously given her, at the top of a permanent plaque to be hung in the Scholarship House. The name of the resident chosen for the Dorothy Evans Lewis Girl of the Year Award is engraved each year on the plaque.

The Dorothy Evans Lewis Cultural Fund, as stated in her will, was established in April, 1952. Originally $1,000 in amount, it was later increased to $2,000 by alumnae club gifts. Interest from the fund is used for the cultural development of House residents: purchase of concert and lecture tickets, and for magazine subscriptions.

The Akron Alumnae Club was re-organized in the spring of 1952. Ann Boyer was re-elected Council President for the 1952-54 term.

By December of 1953, the mortgage on the Scholarship House had been repaid in full from funds of the Development Fund. The goal of owning a house, for so long a dream, had at last been reached.

Thirty-two delegates were registered for the Fourth Annual Alumnae Council Workshop in the fall of 1952. The weekend program featured panel discussions, a business meeting, and a campus tour of the University farms.

Since Alumni Day was scheduled for the second Saturday of May, 1953, Alumnae Council's meeting was held the same weekend at the Scholarship House. Delegates had the privilege of attending the traditional Sunset Supper, held for the first time in the new Union.

Student promotion, one of the principal projects of Council and alumnae clubs, received attention. Several clubs held successful high school recognition teas and parties; other clubs handled the project in different ways. The objective in every case was to acquaint girls of high scholastic achievement with the vast educational facilities available at The Ohio State University.

At that annual meeting, dues to Alumnae Council were reactivated. Council was to receive dues from each chartered alumnae club annual dues of ten cents per capita, based on the paid membership of the club. The resolution was approved by the local alumnae clubs.

A new award was created by Council in 1952. It was titled "The Home and Community Service Award" and was granted to a woman member of the 25th Reunion Class. Questionnaires were sent to eligible alumnae and a committee from Council chose the recipient. To qualify, the alumna was to be a homemaker, an active participant on community affairs, and a person who maintained continued interest in Ohio State. The award, a silver tray suitably engraved, was presented to the honored alumna, first at her reunion luncheon, again at Sunset Supper.

Two Homemaker Awards were presented to Dr. Analee K. Nelson in 1953 and to Harriette Summers in 1954. The award was discontinued in 1955 when difficulty was encountered in finding qualified alumnae.

On May 10, 1953 Alumnae Council's Constitution was re-written, condensed and approved.

The evening before, May 9, a suitable and colorful mortgage burning ceremony was held as part of the annual Sunset Supper. The mortgage was the one originally held on 201 East Sixteenth Avenue, now paid in full.

Mrs. Howard L. Bevis, wife of the University president, presented the Home and Community Service Award to Dr. Nelson on behalf of Alumnae Council.

The Fifth Annual Workshop was held August 29-31, 1953 with 26 delegates attending. A visit to the new university Hospital highlighted the campus tour.

Scholarship House residents had a 3.30 point hour average for the 1952-53 year. Residents held membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, Mirrors, Chimes, Mortar Board, and other honoraries; were active in many activities such as Pleiades, Symphonic Choir, Women's Glee Club, Browning and others. They had also established their own social traditions at the House: Sunday Night Suppers, Open House, Christmas Formal Dance, Gold Diggers Dinner, Homecoming Reception, Mother's Day Tea and the Annual Senior Dinner.

At the Council meeting in December, 1953, it was announced that Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Hanley (Mary Ann Hanley) had contributed $33,000 to the Development Fund. Of the total, $25,000 was allocated toward purchase of a second Scholarship House. The remainder was to be applied to the Lucille Lelia Scholarship Fund established by the Hanleys. The longtime dream of many Council members, a second Scholarship House, thus suddenly became a reality - thanks to the generosity of the Hanleys!

The December meeting saw the start of what has become another Council tradition - the presentation of the President's Gavel, passed on to each new president as she assumes office.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Pomerene Fireside Evening was held December 5, 1953. The program centered around the Ohio Sesqui-Centennial and highlighted recognition of four Ohio women who had made notable contributions to higher education. Women of Achievement Awards were made to: Mrs. Frank J. Lausche, Harriet Daily Collins, Rhea McGarty Aha, and Clara Raynor Rader.

The 1953 Pomerene Fireside climaxed a quarter of a century of the programs and was the last to be presented by Alumnae Council. To commemorate the event, Buckeye Leaf pins were sent to all alumnae and guests honored at the Fireside Evenings through the years.

As the 30th year of Alumnae Council's existence drew to a close, members could proudly look back at major achievements: payment in full of the Scholarship House mortgage; the impending purchase of a second House, thanks to the generous donation of the Hanleys; the
establishment of the Fall Workshops; the establishment of the Dorothy Evans Lewis Cultural Fund and Girl of the Year Award and Lucy Lelia Scholarship Fund and more student promotion by the local alumnae clubs.

1954 - 1955

On February 12, 1954, Alumnae Council officers were informed that the Mueller house, 195 East Sixteenth Avenue, would be purchased for a second Scholarship House. Mr. and Mrs. Hanley added $15,000 to their original gift to meet the purchase price of $40,000. Necessary remodeling and furnishings estimated to cost $25,000 more, could be amortized as the previous mortgage had been.

Commented Council's Monthly Bulletin at the time: "After careful inspection and investigation, it was decided that the Mueller house (just next door to the original Scholarship House) was ideal in every way. The University administration is overjoyed at the prospect of having 28 more living spaces for girls; the alumnae are excited at the prospect of helping to provide furnishings for the House, and best of all, 56 instead of 28 girls will be offered the challenging experience of attending Ohio State University on very limited funds. Surely, our cup runneth over."

(Because of state fire regulations, the second house was limited to 26, not 28, residents.)

A new constitution was adopted for the Alumnae Scholarship House Advisory Committee in February, 1954. The official name became "The Advisory Board of the Alumnae Scholarship House." The term of office for alumnae members became four years. At least one meeting per quarter was required.

Alumnae Council sponsored a benefit concert by Soprano Margaret Speaks and Pianist Ruth Trotz Reed, both alumnae, on April 26, 1954. Proceeds of the concert (over $500) were used to help furnish the new Scholarship House.

Louise Canning Stewart, Cleveland, was elected President for 1954-56 at the annual meeting, May 9, 1954. There were 23 delegates at the meeting from alumnae clubs in Franklin County, Detroit, Lancaster, Pittsburgh, Toledo, Akron, Dayton, Lima, Canton and Cleveland. After the meeting, they inspected the new Scholarship House, then undergoing remodeling and redecorating.

The Executive Committee recommended that the names of Mary Pomerene and Davison Hanley be incorporated in the names of the two Scholarship Houses when official names were selected. Both of the full Council and the Alumnae Scholarship House Advisory Board concurred. The first House, at 201 East Sixteenth Ave., became Mary Pomerene Scholarship House in honor of the alumna who gave Council the needed financial lift to purchase the Scholarship House. The second House at 195 East Sixteenth became Davison Hanley to honor both Mr. and Mrs. Hanley for their contribution which covered the purchase of the House.

The Ohio State University Development Fund advanced $10,000 for the furnishing of Davison Hanley Scholarship House. The Fund contributed outright the first $5,000 and the second $5,000 was considered a loan to be repaid by the Alumnae Council.

On September 1, 1954, the Alumnae Council signed a note to the Development Fund, putting into formal, legal terms the repayment by Council of the $5,000 loan. The amount was to be repaid by Council and its member clubs within 10 years with no interest. Amortization was on the same basis as the first Scholarship House had been. But in the case of the second house, which was purchased outright, only the furnishings had to be financed.

The Development Fund also allocated $32,000 from its reserves for the physical alterations needed to make the new House habitable.

An Alumnae Council Directory was published and distributed for the first time in 1954. Since then, it has been published annually, with a copy given each local alumnae club member.

During the years, special Council committees were appointed as the need arose. It was during the 1954-55 administration of President Louise Stewart that National Chairmen were first appointed for the standing committees of Council. Those first National Chairmen: Alumnae Scholarship Houses; Virginia Smith Heusner, Cleveland; Constitution, Viola Wolfe, Detroit; Gifts, Requests and Endowments, Freda Morin, Lima; Hospitality, Bobbie Herman Lurie, Columbus; Home and Community Service Award, Louise Adams, Columbus; Projects, Christine Dennis Vogt, Columbus; Scholarships, Esther Patz, Columbus; Student Promotion, Jean Waid Reilly, Columbus; Membership, Ruth Fechko, Cleveland; Public Relations, Ruth Beckwith Duffy, Cincinnati; and Program, Janet Souders Crist, Lancaster.

The National Chairman had as responsibilities the compilation of reports and materials which were sent to the respective local club chairmen, and the task of developing closer relations between Council and the local alumnae clubs. 1955 was the first year that the National Chairmen held discussion group meetings with the respective local chairmen at Workshop. A report of each discussion group was then presented at the business meeting of Workshop.

The new Davison Hanley Alumnae Scholarship House was opened for residents at the beginning of Autumn Quarter, 1954.

Dedication ceremonies for both Scholarship Houses were held December 4, 1954, following the mid-winter Alumnae Council meeting.

University President Howard L. Bevis delivered the dedicatory message and Trustee James W. Huffman accepted the Houses on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Ohio State.

The dedication ceremony was held at Davison Hanley House before a capacity audience. Council officers and club presidents were hostesses at the reception which followed in Mary Pomerene House.
In 1954, the Dayton, Akron and Pittsburgh alumnae clubs were chartered and re-activated. The Springfield club was re-activated in 1955 and a new club, the Alumnae Association of The Ohio State University School of Nursing was organized.

The model constitution for local alumnae clubs was revised and adopted in 1955.

The academic year of 1954-55 marked the first year of operation of both Scholarship Houses and the residents, many of whom were freshmen, maintained the customary high scholastic standing. The accumulative point-hour average was 3.06.

Assistant for Alumnae Affairs Nancy Dunham resigned March 21, 1955 to marry Jack L. Hoover. Council presented her an engraved plaque in recognition of her excellent work.

Her successor was Georgena Howell, Columbus, also an alumna.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to all retiring local club presidents at the Council meeting in May, 1955, the only time this has been done.

Past President of Council Alma Wacker Paterson was honored on Alumni Day, May 7, 1955 when Paterson Hall, named for her, was dedicated on campus as a new dormitory for women.

The National Committee Chairmen met with Council officers for the first time at the Executive Committee meeting held in Alumni House in June, 1955.

Repairs at Mary Pomerene House during the summer of 1955 included repainting of the living room, purchase of two chairs, purchase of study lamps and installation of safety bars on the basement windows.

Acquisition of the second Scholarship House intensified both the interest and contributions of local clubs. By September, 1955, the balance due on the Development Fund loan of $5,000 was only $780.90.

A new project, "Operation Coffee Cup," was presented to Council delegates at Workshop in 1955. Through it, alumnae club members worked for the successful passage of the $150 million state bond issue for public buildings, mental health and education.

"Back to Campus" was the theme of the mid-winter Council meeting held January 14, 1956 in Alumni House. Delegates attended regular University classes and heard a discussion by a panel composed of Vice Presidents Frederic Weinberger, Bland L. Strawley and Jacob B. Taylor and University Registrar Ronald B. Thompson.

The annual meeting on April 26, 1956 was climaxed with a Graduation Reception for Senior Women in the Ohio Union. Mrs. Howard L. Bevis headed the reception line following a style show.

The graduating seniors were told of the activities of Alumnae Council and invited to become members of local alumnae clubs.

Jean Waid Reilly, Columbus, became Alumnae Council President in the spring of 1956 and served until 1958.

These were years of remarkable progress and expansion for both Council and the local alumnae clubs.

During 1956 and 1957, two sets of color slides of the Scholarship Houses were made. One set depicted the physical accommodations, the other the life of a typical resident. Both sets were used extensively by local clubs as part of their programs.

In the spring of 1956, the Alumnae Scholarship Houses Advisory Board voted to increase the room and board rates by $10 a quarter. The increase, forced by higher living costs, made the total residence fees $95 a quarter, beginning Autumn Quarter, 1956.

An anonymous donor presented a new Baldwin Acrosonic spinet piano to Davission Banley House during the summer of 1956.

Two awards for scholarship excellence were established: the Detroit Scholarship Award, and the Mary Pomerene Incentive Award. The latter provided $25 to the freshman girl in each house who made the greatest improvement in grades during the year.

By the spring of 1957, contributions from alumnae clubs and individuals had reached the total goal of $2,000 set for the Dorothy Evans Lewis Cultural Fund. Interest from the fund was used regularly for magazine subscriptions, concert tickets and an Art Gallery subscription for the two Houses.

Both alumnae clubs and individuals continued their generous support of the houses. From May 1, 1956 through April 30, 1957, gifts and contributions totaled $2,891.83. Helen Harvey Hosford, Cleveland, gave silverware a handsome lace tablecloth and monetary gifts to bring house furnishing to a par with the finest in the campus environs.

A Recognition Luncheon for past presidents of Alumnae Council followed the annual meeting, April 27, 1957. The honored guest was Mrs. Novice G. Fawcett, wife of the new University president. Each past president of Council received an engraved Buckeye Leaf charm in tribute to her years of service to Council and the Houses. Recognition was paid to the Assistants for Alumnae Affairs for their services and a charm bearing the University coat of arms presented them. Council President Jean Keily, who presided at the Recognition, conceived and planned the program, which was well attended.

The second Reception for Senior Women was held April 27 in the Ohio Union, with Mrs. Fawcett heading the receiving line. Scarlet and gray address books, containing information about Alumnae Council and the local clubs, were presented as favors to the students.

A new Council meeting, "Presby Primer," was inaugurated June 8,
1957. Attending were members of the Council’s Executive Committee and new presidents of the alumnas clubs, with emphasis on instruction for the newly elected officers.

Prexy Primer was later expanded to include all new officers, committee chairmen and committee members. It became the orientation and instruction meeting which acquainted the new alumnas leaders with the scope of Alumnas Council objectives, traditions and activities. Stress was placed on leadership and organizational techniques for successful club operation. The meeting was held annually for many years.

A formal history of Alumnas Council was written in 1957 by Janet Crist, Lancaster, at the request of President Jean Reilly. Made a part of the permanent records of Council, the history was distributed to all members.

The 1957 Workshop was highlighted by a dinner honoring President and Mrs. Novice C. Fawcett. A dramatized history of Council and the Scholarship Houses was presented to acquaint the new president with the accomplishments of Alumnas Council.

Council established the "Club Award" in 1957. Its purpose, as explained in Council minutes: "it is to recognize the alumnas club which has contributed most during the year to the over-all picture - the University, the Association, the Development Fund, and Alumnas Council. The club will receive the honor and the award gift will be presented to the Scholarship Houses in the name of the winning club." The award was presented at Workshop for several years.

The Marion Alumnas Club was organized in 1957 and the Mansfield Alumnas Club in 1958.

Student promotion continued to be stressed, with clubs sponsoring senior recognition teas, tours of the campus for prospective students and informational meetings for high school deans and counselors.

The scholastic record of House residents, which had slipped appreciably in 1955-56 and 1956-57, showed marked improvement in 1957-58. The accumulative point-hour average was 3.08 for residents of both houses in 1957-58, with 16 girls making a 3.5 or higher in Autumn Quarter, 1957.

In 1958, the second floor of Mary Pomerene House was remodeled and refurnished at a cost of $6,241. Funds came from the Alumnas Gift Fund and reserves accruing from economical house management over the years. "Before" and "after" slides of the remodeling were shown to alumnae clubs as a report on their contributions to the Houses.

Jenny Lou Watson Opremack, Dayton, was elected president of Council for 1958-60.

In 1958, a "Grassroots Campaign" similar to "Operation Coffee Cup" was promoted by Alumnas Council. Alumnas wrote state senators and representatives in the Ohio Legislature, asking them to vote for the educational appropriations requested by the state universities.

Prexy Primer was expanded to include program and membership chairman as well as presidents of the local clubs in June, 1958.

During this period, photographs of the past Presidents of Council were obtained and displayed in the Alumnas Office at Alumnas House.

1959 - 1964

Among the many honors bestowed on House residents was the election of one, Kay Wagner, as president of Student Senate.

A new manual, "The President’s Notebook," was presented to Council members at the Prexy Primer in 1959. Written by Immediate Past President Jean Reilly, it provided valuable reference material for officers.

During the same year a new alumnas club was organized in Northern Columbiana County.

Eileen Brown Cole, Dayton, was elected to the 1960-62 term as Alumnas Council President.

Scholarship House residents had a 3.10 point hour average for 1959-60, with nine girls achieving 3.5 or more for the year.

The 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Scholarship Houses was celebrated during 1960. The Silver Anniversary was the theme of Workshop, held September 13-17, 1960. The attendance of over 100 was the largest of any of the 12 Workshops held that date.

Highlight of the workshop was the dinner given by President and Mrs. Fawcett at the President’s House on campus. G. Raymond Fenner, president of The Ohio State University Association, on behalf of the Association’s Board of Directors, presented to Alumnas Council a silver plaque commemorating the occasion. President Cole presided at the program which was arranged by Jean Reilly.

The first instance of integration in the Houses occurred in the Autumn Quarter of 1960, when a Negro qualified for residence. She resided there during the 1960-61 year but failed to qualify scholastically for the 2.8 point-hour average required for continued residence.

Georgena Howell, who had combined her effective work as assistant for alumnas affairs with the study of law in night school, passed both the Ohio and Florida bar exams and resigned to enter the practice of law in June of 1960. She was replaced by Marianne Gremillion, a recent University graduate, who served until the first of January, 1961. The post remained vacant until March, 1961 when Naomi Nelson Field was employed as assistant alumni secretary for alumnas affairs.

The office of National Historian was created at the annual Coun-
cil meeting in 1960. President Eileen Cole appointed Janet Crist to the position for the 1960-62 term.

The Historian compiled a written and pictorial history of the Council; updated the Council scrapbook containing information from alumnae clubs; wrote "A History of the Alumnae Scholarship Houses," published by The Ohio State University Association; and wrote a brochure on the Houses that served as part of alumnae club student promotion meetings.

Special recognition for the history on the Scholarship Houses was paid Janet Crist at Sunset Supper, May, 1962. Dr. G. Preston Hoff, president of The Ohio State University Association, presented her with the first copy of the history, bound in red leather.

Because of the lack of an assistant for Alumnae Affairs during the crucial planning months, Council voted to discontinue the Reception for Senior Women. Money budgeted for the reception was used to assist membership drives in local clubs that requested help. The sum of $100 was given to the Cincinnati Alumnae Club in 1962 and to the Mansfield Club in 1963.

A new constitution and by-laws for the Advisory Board of the Alumnae Scholarship Houses were approved in the spring of 1961 after two years of study and deliberation.

Council President Cole and the Dayton Alumnae Club assumed the financial cost of an extensive renovation and furnishing of the study room in Davisson Danley House during the summer of 1961. The contribution by Mrs. Cole was just one of many generous financial gifts to the Scholarship Houses. She personally supported several individual House residents during their school years.

In 1961-62, the fees for residence in the Scholarship Houses were increased to $10 a quarter.

Virginia Starbuck Conn, Columbus, was elected for the 1962-64 term of Council President.

The 1962 Fall Workshop featured as speaker Dr. Amalie K. Nelson, Columbus civic leader, and winner of the Homemaker Award of Council in 1953.

And in 1962, the Graduate School brought to the campus noted lecturer, Dr. Virginia Senders. She addressed a large audience of women student leaders and other invited guests at Mershon Auditorium. Her topic was "Continuing Education for Women." Following the program, Alumnae Council, with the Women's Self Government Association, co-sponsored a reception for Dr. Senders at the Ohio Union. It marked the first time that the Office of the Dean of Women, the Women's Self-Government Association, the Faculty Women's Club and the Alumnae Council worked together in an all-campus project.

Dr. Senders' lecture stirred Council interest in exploring the areas of continuing education. A special Continuing Education of Women Project Committee was appointed with Jean Heiley as chairman.

Her committee conducted an extensive survey to indicate the necessity for an interest in a special program for the continuation of education of women at The Ohio State University. Dr. Marie Pfeiffer was the professional consultant for the questionnaires and resultant report. The financing of the survey and allied research was made possible through a generous gift by Josephine Sitterle Failer. She earmarked the gift to the Development Fund for the work of the committee.

A new event, "The Alumnae Council Reception for Senior Women Leaders" was inaugurated November 14, 1963 in the Faculty Club's Grand Lounge.

Senior women who had made notable achievements in scholarship and service to the University were honored by the reception. It also made possible the recognition of alumnae who had gained national success in their professional careers; the identification of Council with a high level program on campus; the acquainting of senior women with Council's background and objectives; the opportunity to build future membership for alumnae clubs.

Names of outstanding senior women invited were selected by the Office of the Dean of Women.

Guest speaker for the initial Reception was Pat Wilson, Broadway and television singer and actress. Over 300 students, faculty, special guests and alumnae club members attended.

1964 - 1966

Janet Souders Crist, Lancaster, was elected President of Council for the 1964-66 term.

"Operation MAP" was the theme for the 1964 Prexy Primer and signifies "M" for membership; "A" for attendance; and "P" programming. The attendance was the largest of any Prexy Primer to date.

The Fortieth Anniversary for Alumnae Council was marked in 1964. It was the theme of the Sixteenth Annual Fall Workshop, September 18 through 20 and was climaxed with a gala dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Pullen. "University Information Please!" was the title of a panel discussion for delegates. Participants were: Ruth Weimer, associate dean of women; Rodney Harrison, director of student financial aid; Edward Rhine, assistant director of admissions; and Kenyon Campbell, associate executive director of the Development Fund.

Alumni Secretary Jack Pullen addressed delegates on the theme, "Happy Birthday." He traced the history of the Council and its accomplishments and predicted a bright future of further progress.
Back in 1952, the University Trustees had authorized the Distinguished Service Award to honor those whose services to the University had been outstanding. The first Alumnae Council member to receive this honored award was Clara Raynor Rader, longtime member who was first chairman of the Advisory Committee for Scholarship House and a past member of the Alumni Advisory Board, in 1954. The second Council member to win it was Helen Harvey Hosford, long active in Council work and one of the mainstays of the Cleveland Alumnae Club, in 1961.

The third Council member to win the Distinguished Service Award was Josephine Sitterle Failer. It was presented at the August Commencement, 1964. Both the Executive Committee and Alumnae Council extended official congratulations for receipt of the award and presented her with an engraved silver tray as a symbol of esteem and appreciation for her unselfish contributions to both the Council and the Scholarship Houses.

In the summer of 1964 Council published two brochures: "The Alumnae Council," which describes Council work; and "Will You Spare Ohio State a Minute?" - a questionnaire used in organizing new alumnae clubs.

The second annual Reception for Senior Women Leaders, held November 4, 1964 at the Faculty Club, drew an attendance of 315 guests. The guest speaker was Marcia Cooper Pinchas, a 1941 graduate who was press officer for the Security Council and United Nations General Assembly. Penny Christian, Mansfield, first vice president of Council, served as general chairman for the evening, with President Crist presiding.

National Membership, Hospitality and Constitution Committees were first named in 1964. This provided an opportunity for many more alumnae club members to work in an official capacity at national Council level.

The 1965 mid-winter meeting featured a coffee hour with Scholarship House residents as special guests and included a tour of the School of Home Economics; the Rare Books division of the Main Library; and a talk by Dr. G. Robert Holsinger, dean of part-time and continuing education at Ohio State.

One of the most significant accomplishments of 1964-65 was the success of the Continuing Education of Women Project.

During the summer of 1964 the results of the Alumnae Council Survey in continuing education were printed and titled "Continuing Education of Women, Alumnae Council Project." The brochure received wide national and international distribution and a favorable reception.

Pilot non-credit courses in the area of Continuing Education first became a reality at the University during the Winter Quarter of 1965. With the support of Alumnae Council, the Division of Continuing Education offered the first non-credit lecture and discussion course, "Modern Drama." The response and registration were overwhelming. Original planning had envisaged one class of 35 members. Two classes had to be scheduled to accommodate the 150 who registered and 60 were turned away because of the lack of facilities to care for more than the 150.

The second pilot course was offered in Spring Quarter, 1965 and dealt with American foreign policy. Again the enrollment was high, with 93 participating.

At the annual meeting, April 24, 1965, official Council appreciation was extended Jean Reilly for her leadership as chairman of the Continuing Education of Women Committee and her past Council work. A gold sunburst medallion charm was presented in token of appreciation.

The 1965 annual meeting also included attendance by the delegates at the Annual Conference on the Humanities, presented by the Graduate School for the University community.

Nine of the Scholarship House residents achieved scholastic records of over 3.5 as the girls continued their excellent academic attainments during 1964-65.

Financial contributions from alumnae clubs and individuals made possible many new furnishings and improvements for both houses: carpeting for the second floor, hall and stairs; travertine tile covering for the entrance halls; vinyl covering for the kitchen floors as well as three compartment sinks; and 60 dining room chairs.

Late in 1964 Jo Failer contributed $1,000 to the Scholarship Houses. The gift provided four settees for Davison Hanley House and six dining room tables for each Scholarship House as well as two large table lamps.

Helen Harvey Hosford contributed $1,000 to the Scholarship Houses during 1964-65.

The 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Alumnae Scholarship Houses Advisory Board was celebrated April 25, 1965 with a tea given by Jo Failer, current chairman of the board. Her lovely home, with treasured furnishings, provided the perfect setting for honoring the alumnae who were members of the first group back in 1940.

In all, 220 invitations were issued to former Board members, House residents, University and faculty members, with 208 guests in attendance.

Clara Rader, chairman of the first Advisory group and member of the present board, served as the general chairman of the Anniversary Tea.

The Pittsburgh Alumnae Club and Margaret Carpenter Speer, a member of the original group, each sent $25 gifts to commemorate the event.

In June, 1965, Alumni Secretary Jack Fullen appointed a special committee to update the constitution and by-laws of the Alumnae
Scholarship Houses Advisory Board; to draw up policies for the Head Residents of the Houses; and to define the duties of the Assistant for Alumnae Affairs as might pertain to the Houses. This committee, whose chairman was Virginia Starbuck Conn, presented its recommendations to the Advisory Board. A new Constitution and by-laws were formally adopted by the Advisory Board on January 6, 1966 and the Constitution was approved by Alumnae Council on June 11, 1966.

The 1965 Prexy Primer set a new attendance record by surpassing the record established the previous year. Members of the Council Executive Committee served as panelists for a discussion on "Organization and programming for a Successful Alumnae Club," with the Council President serving as moderator. The Executive Committee also conducted instructional committee meetings. The program marked a change in format from previous years.

Delegates were told that elements of the Continuing Education of Women Program could be made available for local alumnae club communities. The Office of Continuing Education was ready to arrange either one, or a series of programs for presentation in the communities. Often, the same professors who conducted the non-credit courses on campus were assigned to the local community programs.

Ruth Fechko, past president of the Cleveland Alumnae Club and first vice president of Council in 1960-62, was appointed Assistant for Alumnae Affairs in August, 1965, following the resignation of Mrs. Peil in June.

Two Council publications were established in 1965: the Council Newsletter, inaugurated by President Crist to keep members current with Council news as well as news about clubs and individual alumnae; and the Buckeye-etete Newsletter, written by Ruth Fechko and containing both general University and Council news.

Theme of the Seventeenth Annual Workshop in the fall of 1965 was "The Changing Role of Your University." It brought to campus the largest attendance in recent years, with delegates present from all alumnae clubs except Pittsburgh.

A new Lima Alumnae Club was organized in the fall of 1965.

Council’s third Reception for Senior Women Leaders was held November 18, 1965 with more than 300 guests in attendance. Speaker was Dorothy Fair Binyon, '25, '35, director, Cleveland Council on World Affairs. Mrs. Binyon would accept no remuneration for her appearance and Council gave a check, in her name, to the Scholarship Houses. Madge Byers Spitler was general chairman of the reception.

Another event of the Reception was an accolade to Dean of Women Christine Y. Conaway in recognition of her many accomplishments for the University and its women students. Jean Reilly, who read the tribute to Dean Conaway, presented the Council's remembrance for the occasion: an antique sterling silver dish.

During 1965-66, residents of Davison Hanley House won top university honors for the highest scholastic averages for Autumn and Winter Quarters among women's rooming houses and residence halls. Second to their winning average of 3.207 was the 3.035 of Mary Pomerene House. Six of the Davison Hanley women had a 3.5 or better; five of the Mary Pomerene women had a 3.5 or better. Dean of Women Conaway awarded a silver plaque to the residents of Davison Hanley at the House Presidents' Council Honors Banquet on campus.

Progress continued in the Continuing Education of Women project during 1966. Alumnae clubs in Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Mansfield Columbus, Dayton, Detroit, Lancaster, Marion and Toledo had one or more programs based on Continuing Education in their own communities.

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The Continuing Education Committee, in cooperation with University officials, created an application form for use by any organization wishing to establish scholarships for mature women at a college or university.

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Marie Pfeiffer; Myra Fabian of the University Counseling Center (later succeeded by Dr. Mary Alice Price); Mabel Gilbert of WSGA; Assistant Dean of Women Nancy Adams (later succeeded by Nancy Sturdivant); Ruth Fechko; and Josephine Sitterle Failer. Council President Janet Crist was an ex-officio member of the committee.

Because Prexy Primer duplicated many of the aspects of both the Annual Meeting and the Fall Workshop, Council voted to combine the 1966 Annual Meeting with Prexy Primer. The action was well accepted, especially by those members residing a long distance from Columbus.

The Tenth Annual Prexy Primer was held June 11, 1966 in the new Agricultural Administration Building auditorium on the west campus. Speakers were Ruth Fechko, assistant for alumnae affairs, and Frank Tate, associate alumni secretary.

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Helen Hasson Scott, Canton, was elected Council President for the 1966-68 term.

Fall Workshop, 1966, had the theme, "Horizons Far and Near." The speakers were Dr. Velon Minshew of the Institute of Polar Studies at the University and Alumni Secretary Jack Fullen.

By the end of its 42nd year, Alumnae Council could proudly point to its growth and the traditions it had established and look with confidence to a future destined for even greater achievements as Council continues to promote the welfare of The Ohio State University, its women students and its alumnae.
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ASH Resume

presented by Giny Conn

The 60's - women's lib - increased enrollment - affluence - apartments for coeds - alcohol legalized in dorms - marijuana - drug culture - relaxed mores. How did ASH Board and residents face these social and economic changes?

The early 60's were devoted to getting many housekeeping details in order. Both houses revamped their constitutions and bylaws each retaining its individuality but sharing many common rules - mainly those involving the welfare and safety of the residents. Guidelines for relationships among the residents, head residents, alumnae assistant and the ASH Board were established.

To keep ASH Board abreast of the many changes on campus, Clara Rader chaired a committee - Changing Role of the University. Once a year a speaker from campus talked to the Board about different areas where the changes were great, university ombudsman, housing rules and changes, role of women in sports, etc. Under Evelyn Gilbert, the ASH Board's response to securing a closer relationship with residents was to form parallel committees of the Board and houses which met at the beginning of the year to make recommendations in many areas such as social get togethers and cultural activities.

Until the 60's Sunday night spreads were still one per quarter, then cut to one per year due to time limits.

Listening Centers were established at both houses for use of students to avoid the necessity of their returning to campus late at night. One was sponsored by Jo Failer; one by Gift Fund 5032.
In 1967 Jack Fullen and Christine Conaway's retirement marked the end of an era. The "girls" of former years preferred to be called "women", ASHes became Scholies. Their intramural team shirts bore the name "SMART ASHES."

In 1967 ASH Board made long range provisions for future leadership by electing the retiring ASH Alum Club President (who had served 2 years on the Board by virtue of her position) to a full 4 year term on the Board. With few exceptions this policy has continued to the present. From largely alumnae club membership (as well as the ex-officio members - University and alumnae personnel) the mixture of alums who were former residents has increased. This change in alumnae composition has added young blood to the Advisory Board and helps more successfully to bridge the generation gap.

By the late 60's it was becoming more difficult to retain personnel to operate the houses - head residents and cooks. In '68 Ruth VanBuskirk and Pearl Pressie resigned. At the same time there was declining support of the houses by alumnae clubs, many of which were struggling to survive.

Until 1970 one of the houses had been open Summer Quarter. At this time 20 people (the minimum number necessary to break even financially) had not signed up for housing, so the houses remained closed.

In 1970 the OSU Association Board requested a feasibility study of the future of the houses. This involved appraisal of the houses, estimates of repairs needed, future of cooperative living in general and surveys of present and past students to evaluate the cooperative living experience offered by ASH. The evaluation was favorable for continuing MP & D-H as cooperative scholarship houses.
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In 1977 the Alumni Association and ASH Board elected to turn the management of the houses over to the University. Aging houses and increasing costs of repairs determined this decision. Having changes made as a part of a university unit was more economical than operating 2 small isolated units. Thus ASH became a part of University Residence & Dining Halls. Ruth Fechko remained as the coordinator between the alumni, ASH Board and the University. At the same time Ruth's responsibilities had branched out into other areas of alumni projects which were emerging with the social changes.
In 1977 there was a serious discussion as to the real purpose of ASH Board. The consensus was that:

1) The Board was the one element of stability and continuity. The University personnel on the Board as ex-officio members have changed with almost the same frequency as the SPAs.

2) There were alumnae endowment funds to administer and a knowledgeable Board was a MUST to fulfill the responsibility to former donors.

3) To foster the belief in cooperative living for scholarship students.

The 70's are characterized by less control, cars and sororities. Picnics, fried chicken and baked beans will long be remembered by the residents and ASH Board. Teas at Jo Failer's, games along the Scioto or at Alumni House and annual formals of the houses were all supported by ASH Board. A continuing arrangement for "rent free" formals has been made by Olive Rose Apple.

The early 80's might be called The Chinese Era. For 3 summers in answer to a request from the governor for 2 co-op living units on campus to house 2 separate groups of Chinese (one rural—-one merchant), the houses were opened for several weeks before and during the Ohio State Fair. These groups lived and cooked in the houses. Jo Failer dropped in one day and was greeted by a bowing pigtailed Chinaman! The presence of the Chinese added $9,000 to the ASH maintenance funds. The cost of cleaning up the houses after their departure was about $500, so the profit for the houses was roughly about $8,500. After the first year's rental all the good cooking utensils were removed for the rental period and certain rules were set for cooking only in the kitchen! The difference in oriental and western social customs was most apparent.
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You may wonder about the various women who have assumed leadership of ASH Board. June Battles was the first chairman who had been a resident of the houses. Many of the women are mothers, others careerists—all of whom found time to give to the scholarship houses. To drink or not to drink on the premises was one of Adnelle's main concerns. When Dottie Haggard was chairman, her little ones usually were coloring in a corner of the meeting room. With Loretta Snyder, our past chairman, the Board shared her teaching career plus the arrival of 2 babies. While chairman, Marcia Tucker returned to work at Riverside Methodist Hospital Library, Carole Bakle sold real estate as well as rearing a family of 4. At times even families became involved. Dottie Baker, her 3 sons and volunteers had a weed pulling session when the landscape department was trying to revitalize the premises. Bertha Ihnat worked in Financial Aids and later in the University Archives. She still found time to work on the history of ASH. All are super women of the 70's and 80's who successfully adapted to a changing world and still found time to serve. Our present chairman, Cynthia Musser, has small children and is community oriented. We're lucky to have a small niche of her time.
No one can praise Ruth Pechko enough. Her skill and charm are most evident throughout. A large part of her time with the Alumni Association has been devoted to coordinating efforts between residents and alumnae, University and ASH Board, interviewing potential candidates and hearing grievances of the residents. In her spare time Ruth shops for the needs of the houses and even makes curtains. In short, the responsibility that belongs to no one else Ruth assumes.
You may want a review of ASH Funds

1948 Edna Andreas Stone Emergency Loan Fund ($1,000)
Small loans not to exceed $50.00

1953 Dorothy Evans Lewis Cultural Fund
Donation of $1,000 matched by AC ($2,000)
use of income only (magazines, tickets, etc.)

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Gift Fund #5032 (Development Fund)

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dues, pins, honoraries (Mortar Board, Chimes, Sphinx,
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Income only—decorations—houses

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October 1971 was the first Women's Day. It was a day of continuing education for women, sponsored by Alumnae Council.

The Alumnae Committee had recommended taking an in-depth program from campus to another community as had been done from Tulane University. Rather than doing this, the Committee studied further the program offered at Wisconsin and followed that pattern for a day of learning on this campus. Helen Scott Hicks served as chairman of the first Women's Day.
The Day was a tremendous success from many standpoints; learning, stimulation and comaraderie. This fall will be the 14th year for Women's Day with much response from women in Franklin County and throughout Ohio. This year men are included and the name is changed to "A Day on Campus."

It should be noted that for several years the Alumnae Council sponsored "A Day With The Arts." After two such offerings this day became a spring-time "Women's Day."

When President Fawcett asked the alumnae committee to submit recommendations, the first two listed were:

1. space assigned and identified as the headquarters for mature women interested in returning to school

2. a staff person appointed to initiate and direct a program for the continuing education of women.

For ten years the alumnae persevered in expressing to the Administration their support of these identified needs. At various times, letters were sent to appropriate administrators to show sustained interest in the need for the staff person.

The alumnae were also involved in two additional recommendations asking for a "point of entry" for adult women; one came from the Dean of Student's Office and one from the University's Advisory Committee on Women. Each time reference was made to the alumnae activity in this area.

July 1974— The position was established — Coordinator of Women's Programs for the Division of Continuing Education.

The office would serve as the initial contact for women of mature years who wished to continue college work for credit or non-credit. Counseling would be provided as well as a program developed for mature women. The chairman of the alumnae committee was asked to sit on the selection committee to fill the position.

February 1975— A report was made back to the alumnae through a comprehensive article in The MONTHLY, one was made to the Administration and one to the organizations whose members took part in the original survey.

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The Alumnae role in the Continuing Education of Women program over these years has been to:

1. serve as a catalyst
2. demonstrate interest, show need, recommend programs
3. assist the University in implementing programs (two-day conference)
4. implement programs (Women's Day)
5. Assist in publicizing programs as they developed (non-credit courses; a. letters to women in the community, to organizations and alumnae clubs
   b. articles in national publications
c. reports and stories in The MONTHLY

d. talks to women's groups and alumnae clubs

6. Maintain a sustained interest and assist wherever helpful

7. Acquaint new university administrators with the alumnae effort, ie. a new University President and new persons to hold the position of Dean or Assistant Vice President for Continuing Education.

The alumnae have been pleased to see the programs implemented for which an interest and need were demonstrated. As alumnae we have been grateful to the Administration and to the many people who have been involved in the development of the programs.

The Alumnae Committee remains in existence so as to be available to assist the Administration wherever possible in continuing education of women matters. Because of its long and devoted tenure, it is appropriate to name the Committee members.

In addition to the original three members, the Committee was enlarged to include Virginia Conn and Jo Faller, alumnae representatives, Dr. Mary Alice Price from the University Counseling Center, then Ruth Weimer Mount, Dean of Students, and Ruth Fechko who had acted as staff adviser and who became a member when the Committee took on the advisory role to the Coordinator of Women's Programs.

Others helped immeasurably:

The presidents of Alumnae Council who served in an ex-officio capacity during their term of office:

Janet Crist
Helen Scott Hicks
Barbara Montgomery
Lynn Joseph
Sandy Locke
Kathy Kohler

Student representatives from the Women's Self Government Association
RuAnn Ernst Pengov
Mabel Gilbert Freeman

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Two Assistant Deans of Women; Nancy Adams and Nancy Sturdivent

Dr. Marie Pfeiffer who provided professional services in compiling the questionnaire and writing the survey results.

In the Alumni office:
Ruth Fechko worked directly with the Committee from 1965 to the current date

Frank Tate gave significant attention to each phase of the program through articles in The MONTHLY

Supporting the entire project from its beginning and throughout its active years was Jack Pullen; he was interested and practical in his help and pleased with what was happening. His backing made a difference to the alumnae and to the program.
You will be interested to know where these alumnae efforts have led. Dr. Lance Kramer, Assistant Provost for Continuing Education has given me the following information to share with you today.

1. Continuing Education is the point of entry for mature students. It is visible. Complete registration can be handled in one spot, in one visit. It takes an hour.

2. The Coordinator of Women's Programs position has become The Adult Career Services Program staffed by one full time professional and several part-time people who do program planning.

3. Counseling is offered on a 1-1 basis in the office and through workshops and seminars of a transition nature. A good percent of the persons served in counseling are women.

4. The non-credit program will receive attention this year. The notion is to get back to the original idea of academic courses taught in depth by senior faculty; possibly 30 good academic courses a quarter as opposed to the 200-400 non-credit, many non academic courses of a year ago. They will be for the general public, especially those persons with some college who have a frame of reference in vocabulary and understanding. By the end of the year it is the hope to have an Advisory Council to help plan the non-credit program.

5. An increasingly larger percentage of undergraduate students are adults. The average age at Ohio State is now approximately 27 years (not 16-22 yrs. as previously).

6. Continuing Education is the third largest enrollment unit on campus with 4000 credit students. There are an increasing number of part-time and non traditional students.

The concept came from the alumnae that there is a need to help people make adjustments back to academic study.

7. Within the next few months all of Continuing Education will move to Mount Hall where an Adult and Continuing Education Center will be developed as a focal point for adults.

Dr. Kramer said to tell the alumnae "The concepts they started are continuing, have grown and been developed."

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Funds to support further education were often a problem for mature women. Thus, scholarships became the next concern of the alumnae. The Committee worked with the Office of the Dean of Women and the Director of Student Financial Aids to establish the procedure and the forms to be used in order for interested persons and organizations to give funds for scholarships for mature women to return to school. A process was also established for the women to apply for financial assistance. The alumnae sent a letter to women's organizations in Franklin County and alumnae clubs throughout the country regarding scholarship information for mature women.

The scholarships could be established at any college or university where the individual or organization was located as well as at Ohio State University. The Toledo Alumnae Club for several years provided a scholarship for a mature woman who had attended OSU but wanted to return to school at the University of Toledo.

October 1971 was the first Women's Day. It was a day of continuing education for women, sponsored by Alumnae Council.

The Alumnae Committee had recommended taking an in-depth program from campus to another community as had been done from Tulane University. Rather than doing this, the Committee studied further the program offered at Wisconsin and followed that pattern for a day of learning on this campus. Helen Scott Hicks served as chairman of the first Women's Day.
The Day was a tremendous success from many standpoints; learning, stimulation and comaraderie. This fall will be the 14th year for Women's Day with much response from women in Franklin County and throughout Ohio. This year men are included and the name is changed to "A Day on Campus."

It should be noted that for several years the Alumnae Council sponsored "A Day With The Arts." After two such offerings this day became a spring-time "Women's Day."

When President Fawcett asked the alumnae committee to submit recommendations, the first two listed were:

1. space assigned and identified as the headquarters for mature women interested in returning to school

2. a staff person appointed to initiate and direct a program for the continuing education of women.

For ten years the alumnae persevered in expressing to the Administration their support of these identified needs. At various times, letters were sent to appropriate administrators to show sustained interest in the need for the staff person.

The alumnae were also involved in two additional recommendations asking for a "point of entry" for adult women; one came from the Dean of Student's Office and one from the University's Advisory Committee on Women. Each time reference was made to the alumnae activity in this area.

July 1974—The position was established -- Coordinator of Women's Programs for the Division of Continuing Education.

The office would serve as the initial contact for women of mature years who wished to continue college work for credit or non-credit. Counseling would be provided as well as a program developed for mature women. The chairman of the alumnae committee was asked to sit on the selection committee to fill the position.

February 1975—A report was made back to the alumnae through a comprehensive article in The MONTHLY, one was made to the Administration and one to the organizations whose members took part in the original survey.

June 1976—The Alumnae Committee was asked to serve as the official Advisory Committee to the Coordinator of Women's Programs. For the next four years the alumnae met on a regular basis with the Coordinator to assist in planning the University's program for mature women.

The Alumnae role in the Continuing Education of Women program over these years has been to:

1. serve as a catalyst
2. demonstrate interest, show need, recommend programs
3. assist the University in implementing programs (two-day conference)
4. implement programs (Women's Day)
5. Assist in publicizing programs as they developed (non-credit courses:
   a. letters to women in the community, to organizations and alumnae clubs
   b. articles in national publications
c. reports and stories in The MONTHLY
d. talks to women's groups and alumnae clubs

6. Maintain a sustained interest and assist wherever helpful
7. Acquaint new university administrators with the alumnae effort, i.e. a new University President and new persons to hold the position of Dean or Assistant Vice President for Continuing Education.

The alumnae have been pleased to see the programs implemented for which an interest and need were demonstrated. As alumnae we have been grateful to the Administration and to the many people who have been involved in the development of the programs.

The Alumnae Committee remains in existence so as to be available to assist the Administration wherever possible in continuing education of women matters. Because of its long and devoted tenure, it is appropriate to name the Committee members.

In addition to the original three members, the Committee was enlarged to include Virginia Conn and Jo Failer, alumnae representatives, Dr. Mary Alice Price from the University Counseling Center, then Ruth Weimer Mount, Dean of Students, and Ruth Fechko who had acted as staff adviser and who became a member when the Committee took on the advisory role to the Coordinator of Women's Programs.

Others helped immeasurably:

The presidents of Alumnae Council who served in an ex-officio capacity during their term of office:

Janet Crist
Helen Scott Hicks
Barbara Montgomery
Lynn Joseph
Sandy Locke
Kathy Kohler

Student representatives from the Women's Self Government Association
RuAnn Ernst Pengov
Mabel Gilbert Freeman

University Counseling Center representative Myra Fabian who moved from the city

Two Assistant Deans of Women; Nancy Adams and Nancy Sturdivant

Dr. Marie Pfeiffer who provided professional services in compiling the questionnaire and writing the survey results.

In the Alumni office:
Ruth Fechko worked directly with the Committee from 1965 to the current date

Frank Tate gave significant attention to each phase of the program through articles in The MONTHLY

Supporting the entire project from its beginning and throughout its active years was Jack Fullen; he was interested and practical in his help and pleased with what was happening. His backing made a difference to the alumnae and to the program.
You will be interested to know where these alumnae efforts have led.
Dr. Lance Kramer, Assistant Provost for Continuing Education has given me the following information to share with you today.

1. Continuing Education is the point of entry for mature students. It is visible. Complete registration can be handled in one spot, in one visit. It takes an hour.

2. The Coordinator of Women's Programs position has become The Adult Career Services Program staffed by one full time professional and several part-time people who do program planning.

3. Counseling is offered on a 1-1 basis in the office and through workshops and seminars of a transition nature. A good percent of the persons served in counseling are women.

4. The non-credit program will receive attention this year. The notion is to get back to the original idea of academic courses taught in depth by senior faculty; possibly 30 good academic courses a quarter as opposed to the 200-400 non-credit, many non academic courses of a year ago. They will be for the general public, especially those persons with some college who have a frame of reference in vocabulary and understanding. By the end of the year it is the hope to have an Advisory Council to help plan the non-credit program.

5. An increasingly larger percentage of undergraduate students are adults. The average age at Ohio State is now approximately 27 years (not 18-22 yrs. as previously).

6. Continuing Education is the third largest enrollment unit on campus with 4000 credit students. There are an increasing number of part-time and non traditional students.

The concept came from the alumnae that there is a need to help people make adjustments back to academic study.

7. Within the next few months all of Continuing Education will move to Mount Hall where an Adult and Continuing Education Center will be developed as a focal point for adults.

Dr. Kramer said to tell the alumnae "The concepts they started are continuing, have grown and been developed."

1. Continuing Education is a focal point of entry for adults
2. There is staff to direct the programs for mature students
3. Counseling is available for both credit and non-credit programs
4. There are non-credit courses for the general public, in-depth academic courses taught by senior faculty.

Dr. Kramer said, "The alumnae contribution remains alive and the alumnae work is respected."

The alumnae support of Continuing Education has been of service to the University and to untold numbers of mature women. With more and more adults seeking higher education it is likely that the opportunity for the alumnae to be of service in this area will continue.

A very sincere thank you to all of you here today for your support and interest.

Jean Reilly
Chairman, Continuing Education of Women Committee
The seed money of $2,000 for the research on continuing education done in 1964 was provided by a member of the Alumnae Council. She was never publicly identified at her request, but for the record it should be known the gift came from Josephine Sitterle Failer.

The questionnaire for the project was prepared by Dr. Marie Pfeiffer who also tabulated and wrote the report. The questionnaire was sent to 5,000 women in the Central Ohio area.

Additional financial support was given to The Development Fund over a period of years for this project by members of this committee. A balance remains in this fund as of January 1, 1986.

In 1966 when this committee sponsored a two-day residence workshop for mature women considering a return to the work place and/or to the University for credit courses, the Alumnae Clubs were invited to send to the workshop one delegate for whom the registration would be free. These gift invitations were initiated under the leadership of the Alumni Director Jack Pullen with funds generously provided to him for his discretionary use by Mr. Willard Kiplinger.