

The Social Situation
For the Guidance of Women Students
Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., 1943- 44

Foreword

In operation only while cadets were here

The founders of Dickinson College were men whom their contemporaries called "scholars" and "gentlemen." In the rough days of the founding of our nation, those two words were more significant than they are to us today. These "scholar-gentlemen," our founders, spent their lives in service to humanity and they energetically published their belief that they "would be doing less than our duty by posterity if we leave to those who come after us the wealth of this great country without teaching them to use it for the good of the church and state." In founding Dickinson College they thought that they were providing the best class of people with the best opportunities. Of all our Dickinson traditions that of the scholar-gentleman in service to humanity is the strongest.

We of today continue to respect these ideals. We, too, believe that we shall be doing less than our duty if we do not live according to the highest standards and also teach those standards to others. It is with such ideas in mind that the Administration of Dickinson College has prepared the following statement for the regulation of our social life in wartime.

From this date, October, 1943, the regulations below are to be in operation.

Modus operandi

The social relationships between the women students of Dickinson College and the cadets will be managed through a Conference and Appointment Bureau. This Bureau will be operated by a committee composed of military and collegiate appointees. It will help to introduce cadets to women students and to carry out the regulations set up by the Administration. It will try in every way possible to foster a pleasant social program between the two groups, the cadets and the women students.

I. Week Days

From Sunday evening at nine thirty (2150 o'clock) to Saturday at twelve o'clock noon (1200 o'clock) there are to be absolutely no social relationships of any kind between the women of Dickinson College and the Air Cadets. This is a military order and applies to the library, classrooms the areas around the college buildings and campus and to the town and surrounding country.

II. Saturday

From Saturday noon (1200 o'clock) to Sunday evening at nine thirty (2150 o'clock), the cadets are on "Open Post" and may make social engagements with women students in harmony with regulations set up by the College Administration.

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Following are some of the social opportunities offered:

1. Walking in Couples

Couples may walk on the main-traveled streets of Carlisle as far as the paved sidewalks extend

For this women must be in correct street attire.

2. Hiking in Groups

Groups consisting of no fewer than four, men and women, one woman being an upper classman, may hike into the country

The women must be in correct sports attire

They must return in time for the evening meal.

The cadets must call for the women at their dormitory and sign in the guest books provided.

3. Bicycling-

Bicycling parties may be arranged in the same way

4. Horseback Riding

If women have officially recorded permission to do so, they may go horseback riding under the same arrangements as for walking.

5. Buggy and Carriage Riding

This may be conducted in the same way.

6. Bowling

Women escorted by cadets may go to any well-conducted bowling alley in the town.

7. Tennis-

Women may play tennis with cadets, either on Metzger or other college courts.

For this women must dress according to instructions given by Miss Barkman.

If they play at Metzger, women must dress in street clothes before leaving for town.

If they play on other College courts, they must dress in street attire, either at the Gym or Denny before appearing on the streets of Carlisle.

8. Movies

Women may go to the movies with cadets.

9. Dancing and Dances.

a. Dances under college auspices.

Women may invite cadets to dance at Metzger on Saturday afternoons and evenings.

It may be possible to arrange some other dances in accordance with our College regulations.

b. Dances under other than College auspices.

Women may attend dances and dancing only when such dances are conducted according to College regulations concerning chaperonage, decorum and closing hours.

10. One Absolute Prohibition

No woman student at Dickinson College will be permitted to enter any bar, taproom, or liquor store. This means that no matter how she is escorted or whether she herself does or does not drink, she must not enter any liquor selling establishment.

11. Dining Saturday Evening.

Women may dine with cadets on Saturday evening in accordance with our regulations for dining out. Permission will be given as for dining with civilians.

12. Out-of-town Social Events

Women students will be permitted to go out of Carlisle with cadets only when accompanied by mothers of either one of the couple, women belonging to the Faculty circle or women known to the Administration. In every case special permission must be obtained from the Dean of Women. Such permission will be given in very few circumstances.

III. Sunday

a. Sunday Morning

There are to be no social activities planned for Sunday morning. Women may go to church services accompanied by cadets. After morning church service, women may go to dinner with cadets in accordance with our regulations.

b. Sunday Afternoon

On Sunday afternoon women may walk, hike, bicycle, visit and play games at the dormitories, as on Saturday.

Women may not dance in the dormitories nor play tennis on Sunday afternoon.

c. Sunday evening until nine thirty (2150 o'clock)

Women may dine with cadets in accordance with our regulations.

Women may go with cadets to Young Peoples Fellowship or to other church services in Carlisle.

NOTE: A woman will be permitted to eat one meal out on Sunday, not both meals unless one is a party of some social character.

ADDENDA

Dress

It should not be necessary to emphasize the fact that any woman student of Dickinson College on the streets of Carlisle or in any public place should be in correct and dignified street attire. In going about her college

work she should be dressed like a well-groomed business woman.

If she is participating in sports, dignified sports dress may be worn. However, before entering any public building sports costume should be changed to street dress.

2. Table Manners

It will be wise for all young American women to pay strict attention to formal manners at the table. In Denny Hall will be found valuable books for guidance.