

WOMEN NOW

UW plan petition, Sadie Day picnic

Petitions to provide on-campus housing for women students will be passed out by University Women starting probably Thursday. Tables will be set up in the Memorial Student Center and other places.

The University Women will sponsor a Sadie Hawkins Day picnic April 17. The woman treats her date to a steak fry and games, such as a tug-of-war. It will be held at Hensel Park, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are 75 cents for women, \$1.50 for dates.

Terry Van Dyke, president of Law Hall, has invited all women to a road rally and dance to be held at Somerville March 20. A picnic also will be held. Van Dyke said he would be glad to arrange transportation for any girls with the Ramp Ten Girls, Law's women's group.

Puryear Hall has started a women's group, also. They are called the Playmates and have organized powderpuff football and basketball teams.



HEAD SKI AND SPORTS WEAR has revealed their tennis fashions for '71. The outfit on the left, court bound, is a sleeveless knit dress of 100 per cent Acrylic. It has a round neck and is trimmed by bands of color. It retails for \$27. Knit Knack, on the right, has a placket front with a round neck and short sleeves. It is also 100 per cent Acrylic. It sells for about \$29.



HANK AND DOROTHY YOUNG have started a revolution in Long Island. They are teaching families to combat bigotry by adopting non-white children. Hank is shown here with his natural sons and Benjamin, an adopted son. (AP Wirephoto)



GOOD COORDINATION is the name of this tunic and shorts combination. The shorts are cuffed and the tunic top sports a V-neck with a button front. It is by Head Ski and Sports Wear Inc. It sells for about \$45.

Couple attempts to stop prejudice

N.Y. (AP)—When Hank and Dorothy Young of Lake Ronkonkoma speak of "the revolution," they are not referring to any underground movement to destroy established institutions, but to a visible attempt by many Long Island families to combat bigotry.

When the Youngs adopted a three-year-old Korean child two years ago, little did they realize that they would be harbingers of radical change. At that time, there was barely a handful of families involved in interracial adoptions. Today, thanks in large part to the efforts of Hank and Dorothy, there are almost 300 couples on Long Island alone who have adopted non-white children.

And for the Youngs, what began as a "nice way to get a sister" for their two natural sons, Robert, 16 and Patrick, 7, has become a way of life about which Dorothy simply says, "It's no good to have high ideals if you do not live up to them."

The Youngs first became aware of the plight of homeless Korean children through the efforts of Faye and Joseph Caperna of Holbrook, themselves the parents of six adopted children who were attempting to recruit homes in the metropolitan area. The situation so disturbed them that despite the fact that their home had been destroyed by fire, they determined to find a way to swing an adoption.

Christina, now 5, was followed by Laura, 3, a hard-to-place white child who Dorothy said "was supposedly tense and unable to have a one-to-one relationship. What she needed was love." Next came 10-year-old Dorothy, a Korean-American child, who was followed last summer by Benjamin, a sensitive, bright, 6-year-old of black-white parentage.

"It took us longer to decide whether we could cope with a child of black heritage than it did with any of the others," admitted Dorothy. "We were worried about the reaction of our families, the community and especially the effect it might have on Hank's business (he owns his own butcher shop) but we came to the conclusion that it was more important for us to give Benjamin a home."

"The children's different racial backgrounds are a common topic of conversation and we want them to be proud of their heritages. It was important to us that Benjamin be aware of his black-white background before he entered school last fall, so that he would understand any

racial slurs that he might be the target of. We want them to know what a bigoted person is and to understand that we do NOT live that way."

Dorothy Young is what one would call a natural mother. Sensitive, perceptive, she is closely attuned to the needs—emotional as well as physical—of her children. She has been married to Hank for 18 of her 37 years and her gregarious outgoing personality is in sharp contrast to his taciturnity.

"My experience with these children has made me more tolerant," she reflected. "I feel compassion towards the person who is prejudiced. They are the ones who are missing out. If we hadn't adopted four children, naturally our standard of living would be higher. Robert would be able to have his own car. But we have all learned that these are not the things that are important in life."

"The children have given us a great deal of joy," interjected Hank, "which is not to say that we haven't had a few problems. We felt when adopting Benjamin that we would find out who our fair-weather friends were, and it's sad to say, some of them turned out to be in our own family. But by and large we have found that a child is able to break down prejudice."

In an effort to encourage interracial adoption on Long Island and to convince the traditionally conservative adoption agencies that the old guidelines are no longer adequate, the Youngs in conjunction with the Capernas organized the Open Door Society of New York in September 1969.

"We want to see other children get homes," Dorothy said. "Many people simply never think of adopting and they are unaware of the many handicapped and non-white children in need of homes. We have found that once the seed is planted, people will respond to the children's needs. There has been a breakthrough. And if we can place just one child, it is a whole life-time changed."

Agronomy students win scholarships

The Texas Turfgrass Association has awarded \$200 scholarships to three Texas A&M University agronomy students in recognition of academic standing, activities and interest in turf management. They are Don Dusek of Edna, Larry Finke of Navasota and Billy Mayfield of Lorena.



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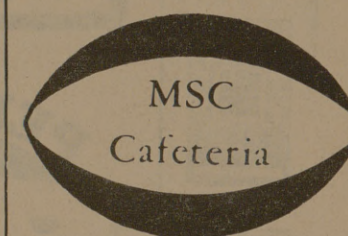
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SPRING AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS. Application forms for Spring Awards Program may be obtained from the Student Financial Aid Office, Room 303, YMCA building until March 31, 1971. All applications must be filed with the Student Financial Aid Office by not later than 5:00 p.m., April 1, 1971. Late applications will not be accepted. R. M. Logan, Director. 90114

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