

Class of '85 looking for a few good ideas

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Reporter

It's been less than a week since the Class of '84 graduated, and the Class of '85 is already working on its class gift. In fact, members have been working on the gift for almost a year.

Jim Allen, Class of '85 president, says not only have they been working on it for a year, but a decision will be made sooner than most people think.

Allen says decisions on the class gift will begin within a month after the fall semester ends.

"Time is running out for us," Allen says. "We need a goal. We need something to shoot for."

The goal is undetermined, but Allen says the class is shooting for a gift of \$85,000, says Jay Cherrington, chairman of the class gift committee.

Allen says ideas — from scholarship funds to money for fusion experiments — have been discussed, and though they have not been discussed, the class officers want more input from the class.

"We have many possibilities, but we are looking for more," Allen says.

Cherrington, a business major from Wichita Falls, and Michelle Weishaar, an accounting major from Converse, were elected last year by the class officers to head the class gift

committee and were reappointed this year.

Cherrington says members of the committee have talked to various student organizations, former students and faculty members about class gift possibilities.

"All those different people have different viewpoints," Cherrington says. "We tried to get a lot of ideas that way."

An advisory board has also been established to help the class through next year. The board consists of prominent businessmen from San Antonio, Houston and Dallas, select members of the Class of '85 and Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services. The board advises the class officers on everything from managerial skills to fund raising to legal matters.

Allen says the board was not set up strictly for advice on class gift, but they have made many suggestions regarding it.

Cherrington says the board has already discussed many ideas for the gift, but more ideas are wanted before a decision is made. But, he says ideas should meet the committee's goals.

"We have two main goals," he says. "Usefulness to the student body or to the students, and the second goal being visibility."

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mittee is open-minded about ideas for the gift, but usefulness to the University is their main priority.

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Cherrington says he will be researching some of the ideas this summer, but most of the work will be done next fall, and he needs help from the class.

"The class is going to play a part at the first meeting after school starts next year," he says.

Allen says there will be a class meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

The meeting will give members of the Class of '85 an opportunity to make suggestions for their class gift.

"We'll ask people from the audience," Allen says. "We'll invite them through a Battalion ad and ask them to send in their request if they can't make the meeting."

"Hopefully we will get a more university-wide approach."

Cherrington says the class gift will probably be decided by February, even though it is not formally announced until Parent's Weekend.

"The final decision is going to be up to the chairmen of the Class of '85 and the officers," he says. "We are going to be consulting with Dr. Koldus and our advisory council."

Just as important as the gift itself, a monetary goal for the class is also being determined.

"We've talked about \$85,000," Cherrington says. "Though that may seem like a

lot of money, Cherrington insists that it, and more, can be raised.

The Class of '85 has about 9,000 members.

"If we get an average of \$10 from every student, that's \$90,000 right there," Cherrington says. "That is not counting any of the revenues that we get

from Ring Dance, or Senior Weekend, or Howdy Dance or any of our activities for next year."

"We're saying \$100,000 is not necessarily inflated, but it is not necessarily conservative either," Cherrington says.

He says the committee has several ideas for fund-raising,

but, other than the traditional senior class activities, none have been approved.

"Every person will not be involved with the gift, but I hope we're giving them a chance to," Allen says. "That's all you can do."

"Our biggest gift to the Class of '85 is to let them have input in it."

Expert sees trend toward variety in adults' sex lives

United Press International

If variety really is the spice of life, get ready for more spice in the adult sexual arena, a Yale University sex expert suggests.

Dr. Lorna J. Sarrel, of Yale Health Services, says diversity will be the key feature of adult sexual relationships of the future, and that sex experts also better acknowledge the trend.

Her conclusions are contained in a report marking the 20th anniversary of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States.

Dr. Sarrel and other SIECUS board members contributing to the report also looked at trends among adolescents and the aging.

"Adults will cohabit, marry, divorce, remarry, establish informal and complex kinship groups, have monogamous relationships of varying kinds, and have both same-sex and other sex relationships," Dr. Sarrel, assistant clinical professor of social work in psychiatry, said. "In fact, many individuals will experience all of this in a single lifetime."

Marriage will remain the single most common form of heterosexual union but among blacks the trend is away from marriage, she said.

In 1979, for example, three-quarters of white women between ages 25 and 44 were married and living with a husband. But this was true for fewer than

half of black women in the same age bracket.

If current trends continue, Dr. Sarrel said, many brides will be older when they first marry. Many already will be mothers.

"Even now," she said, "one in eight white women and two out of three black women having their first baby are unmarried."

Other glimpses from her crystal ball:

— Reasons for marrying in the future, as now, for most couples will be companionship, regularity of sexual contact and emotional support. "These personal bonds, as opposed to bonds for survival and economic necessity, are and will continue to be fragile."

— Divorce, because it is becoming so widespread, soon will be normative. "Reaction to this growing trend doesn't call for handwringing and cries of societal dissolution. Instead we need effective marital counseling, pre- and post-divorce counseling, help for couples trying to create new families."

— The trend to freedom of choice for mutually consenting adults will continue. Eventually there will equal rights and freedoms for people who are homosexual or whose sexuality is in some way different from traditional norms.

Dr. Sarrel told fellow professionals that to cope with adult sexual relationships in the future they must understand that

sexuality continues to evolve and change over a lifetime.

"Sexual learning doesn't stop at the end of ninth grade, or even at marriage," she said.

Experts reporting on adolescence and aging included Dr. Michael A. Carrera, professor at Hunter College School of Health Sciences and past SIECUS chairman Carrera said preoccupation with research centering on adolescent intercourse experiences and contraceptive practices is faulty.

He urged fellow professionals to curb preoccupations with the genital sexual expression of young people, saying if they do they quickly will learn what it truly means to be a typical, ordinary adolescent.

The reconceptualized view will show the sexuality experts that the majority of young people have compelling feelings, concerns, and ideas about their roles and experiences in family, society and the future.

"They are concerned about race, religion, employment, school performance, and what their near and long-term future will be like in a world filled with conflict and tension," Carrera said.

"Add to these dimensions their natural erotic interests and expression and we have a more integrated vision of what young people are like, and how we need to view them in the 1980s and beyond."

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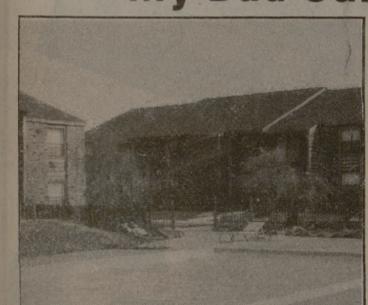
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