



The faculty queens surround newly-crowned Winter Carnival Queen Pam Hutcheson on the ice castle at the opening night ceremonies. Klecky, in the background, held a 'magic wand' above Miss Hutcheson's head signifying that she was the winner. Pam Hutcheson was Physical Education queen.

## SEX: Things Aren't So Bad After All

PALO ALTO, Calif. (CUP-CPS) — Contrary to popular opinion, sexual permissiveness has not swept the American college campus, a Stanford University researcher contends.

Mervin B. Freedman, assistant dean of undergraduate education and a research associate at the Institute for the Study of Human Problems, bases his conclusion on a detailed study of an Eastern women's college in which 49 students were interviewed for four years and several thousand students were tested, and on a historical survey of research on the sexual behavior of women undergraduates.

Among his findings:

- three-fourths or more of America's unmarried college women are virgins.
- premarital intercourse among college women is usually restricted to their future husbands.
- promiscuity is probably confined to a very small percentage of college women - probably a lower proportion than high school girls.

While attitudes toward sex are often liberalized in college, "the Puritan heritage has by no means passed from the American scene," says the Stanford researcher.

"It is probably that the incidence of nonvirginity among college women has increased ... little since the 1930's," he adds. "The great change in sexual behavior and mores since 1900 has been in freedom of attitude and in petting . . . It may be, however, that the incidence of premarital intercourse has risen slowly since 1930, particularly among engaged couples . . ."

"It may well be that American college students have evolved patterns of sexual behavior that will remain stable for some time to come," he says. "The behavior consists of petting, intercourse among engaged couples, and early marriage." Professor Freedman says that "few college students can propound with any conviction ethical arguments for sexual abstinence or continence. Accordingly, they are loathe to condemn the behavior of others. This does not mean, however, that the feeling that underlay these convictions have disappeared," he says.

"Puritan sentiments, inhibition of appetites and instincts, are a strong feature of American middle class life. They have been and are still being

passed from generation to generation. Consequently, most college women behave conventionally, even though they may not adhere to any specific moral code."

Among the 49 women students studied in depth, five limited their experience to kissing, 33 engaged in petting, and 11 experienced intercourse. Only three of the latter group were "uninhibited" in their sexual behavior, engaging in intercourse when they were not deeply involved emotionally with men.

When asked how they felt about their sex life, 80 per cent of the 49 said they were content with the status quo.

While there was some tendency for those who had restricted their activity to kissing or light petting to be dissatisfied, they were unanimous in asserting they could not or would not seek out sexual encounters as such, says Professor Freedman. "Sexual gratification . . . could emerge only in the context of a relationship of some seriousness with a man."

"Among the students who had engaged in intercourse, the predominant attitude was one of enjoyment and satisfaction," he says. "This was particularly true of those young women whose sexual partners were men with whom they shared a close relationship."

As an abstract value, virginity has little meaning to these women students, he says. But the great majority of students draw the line at premarital intercourse for personal or interpersonal reasons. These include fear of pregnancy, feelings of guilt, emotional upset or loss of self-respect, "and lack of certainty about the permanence of the relationships."

"Underlying many of the explanations seems to be an unexpressed sense of caution or inhibition. The explanations often seemed to be but vague surface manifestations of deeplying and complex sentiments that were dimly comprehended," says Professor Freedman.

## Local Girl In India

Picture 35 giggling girls trying to board an electric street car during rush hour, add the Hindi language which everyone speaks but you, place the whole lot under your care in Bombay where you've never been before, and what have you got?

You've got Janet Tripp of Fredericton, a volunteer worker in India for Canadian University Service Overseas. But Janet has much more than this wonderfully mad Bombay visit. She said so in a recent letter to CUSO headquarters in Ottawa.

I am having that once-in-a-lifetime experience," she wrote. "I had wanted to come to India for six years. Now that I'm finally here, it's everything I expected and more."

Janet responded last year to CUSO's continuing appeal for young Canadians to serve abroad. You don't have to be an expert in anything. Indeed, you serve as junior personnel on an equal basis with those who are working beside you.

Janet has become accepted in Tirupati -- an Indian town of 20,000 persons where she is teaching home economics. Her students are members of Sri Padmavathi Women's College, an affiliate of Sri Venkateswara University in the same town.

Her duties occupy about 36 hours a week, including homework. Her out-of-class responsibilities keep her equally busy. Each Wednesday and Thursday afternoon she and seven of

her students leave the campus and go into Ullepadetta village, a half mile away, to demonstrate cooking techniques to Indian women. On Saturdays, Janet travels to Rengigenta Hospital, six miles from the college, to instruct in the preparation of special diets.

Both experiences have been rewarding.

"When we first came into the village, the women were too timid to leave their homes. They stood in the doorway and watched and listened," Janet said.

That was about a year ago.

"Now the villagers come and take an active part in the program and are willing to leave their children with two students who conduct a nursery class while the rest demonstrate better cooking techniques and tell the women what cheap and nutritious foods in this area can be included in their diet."

The hospital in Rengigenta is run by Lutheran Missionaries. Janet describes it as "one of the best in the region". She spends each Saturday there working with hospital staff to improve regular hospital food and talking with patients about the preparation of special diets. Protein deficiency is a common complaint.

In one sense Janet's experience is not unique. There are 201 volunteers now serving in 24 developing nations who feel the work in their communities is just as stimulating.



No one at the Winter Carnival admitted ever seeing anyone more entertaining than Anne Murray. Anne sang as only she can at the 'Hoot-n-dance' on Saturday. After her TV appearance last week her reputation has begun to spread, and people are asking how soon it will be before she makes a record.

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