

THE FIRST COEDS
REUNION SURVEY (1986)

The following is a list of questions/ideas designed to update everyone on what our classmates are doing. It is also aimed at providing an avenue to collect memories of our days at Santa Clara. Please do not feel you have to respond to every item listed. The first two sections are only provided to jog your memory. If nothing is "jogged" just ignore these sections of the survey. Please use the reverse side of this sheet for your responses.

RECOLLECTIONS:

1. HOUSING -
RULES:
REGULATIONS:
2. ACADEMICS -
FIRST CLASS
PROFESSORS' REACTION
WHICH CLASS HAD THE MOST PROFOUND EFFECT ON
YOUR LIFE.
WHICH COURSE WAS YOUR FAVORITE?
WHICH WAS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE AND WHY?
3. ACCEPTANCE -
BY MALE STUDENTS
BY FACULTY

REMINISCENSES -

1. YOUR PARENTS' REACTION TO YOUR WANTING TO ATTEND AN
"ALL MALE UNIVERSITY"
2. HUMOROUS HAPPENINGS
3. DRESS CODE & STYLES
4. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

PERSONAL HISTORY - Unlike the first two sections of this survey, for this part we ask that you take a moment to address each question.

1. WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING SINCE GRADUATION:
MARRIAGE/CHILDREN/VOLUNTEER/EMPLOYMENT
2. WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE NEXT 25
YEARS?
3. DID ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY ATTEND SANTA
CLARA?
4. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT TODAY'S COEDS?
5. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT TODAY'S BRONCO MALE?

COED SURVEY

RECOLLECTIONS:

- * I feel very lucky and proud to have been one of the original coeds and have only the best of memories...I wish I were back!
- * SCU was a great experience, as a prefect (for the original 80 girls) I got to know them well. We were a bit of an island at the Villa and all of our rules were hard to enforce but we obeyed & respected our rights and privileges. They did keep order to life and I believe, made dorm living easier than it is today.
- * **Joe Tinney!!! By the way what ever happened to Joe ... (Divine justice, he has three daughters!!!)**
- * The **housing rules** were very restrictive. But as I recall, many of those ingenious coeds managed to get around them. **Phone etiquette** was a rule...I vaguely remember "Park Lanai...uh, Moonlight Ranch...uh, Villa Ma-RI-AH."
- * **The dress code**...playing tennis in trench coats.
- * Most of the intelligent males were delighted to have us at Santa Clara. The freshmen were fine and considerably more mature than some of the Seniors. I imagine those individuals (and they know who they are!) look back now and realize how absolutely silly they were!
- * **Bronco Corral (Quanset Hut) - 7-9 p.m. weekdays** could go to the library only. **1 p.m. check in on Friday and Saturday nights. No Pants on campus - must wear nylons.** The check-in gate at the Villa Maria.
- * Must be in the Villa by 9 p.m. on weekdays and we were only allowed out to go to the library (where you had to check in). In by 12 on weekends and **men were only allowed in the lounge.**
- * The impression that you were **"an easy mark"** by the fellows. Fr. Bannan, a wonderful person and confidant...
- * Our adorable house parents, the Des Jardins...**turning on the shower at bed check so someone could sneak over the wall later... wearing baby doll pajamas under trench coats to 8 a.m. class...watching Peyton Place** in the teeny tiny lounge where the R.A.'s lived.
- * I remember the first "days of the coeds" as rather tense times...but also very exciting. The Bronco Corral was the place to meet.

* Frosh orientation - it was a blast. The food was awful but I still managed to gain 30 lbs. The Villa-a palace, Nobili - a pit... the garden were beautiful...Fr. Lou Bannan, Fr. Terry, Mrs. Reedy all the best friends we could have...

* Remember how the sophomore male students initially disliked us. After the first year, we were friends. Seniors, Juniors and frosh were more accepting. Housing was very nice. The campus **only had 1 women's restroom!!**

* Stanford fraternity stealing the Villa sign.

REMINISCENCES:

* Absolutely the best environment, academically and socially.

* No pants on campus...Post card home if we left for overnight.

* **Snowball fight** at the apartments...pizza thrown over the wall after hours...bars put on the windows to keep girls in boys out... The first year no one knew what to do with us.

* My parents were not surprised when I wanted to attend SCU, my sister had been in the O'Connor/SC Nurses program.

* It was my father's idea that I go to SCU. The press and faculty made a big fuss over the coeds. Several years later many male alumni still hadn't accepted the coed concept.

* Social life was great that 1st year. Many of us married fellow students. Rules were rather stringent...

* **No sitting in the male cheering section...no eating with the guys in the cafeteria...no pants allowed in classes.** Fr. Terry and Mrs. Reedy, our guardian angels...

* Driving to school, the laundry, the movies in a 1929 Model A...slipping through the window at the apartments after curfew... the awful "twist"--never liked it!... Feeling resented by some of the fellows in the class that first year.

* In 1960, Fr. President (Donohoe) came down to the SCU switchboard where I worked and asked me if I would like to be the 1st coed...I said "No way!"

* My first Logic class, 40 males and 1 female (me!)- it was terrible. I had to get an "A" in class to show Female logic.

* All the wonderful friends I made.

* As one of only three women in the Business School, classes were very difficult. Several professors took great pains to put me "on the spot" regularly. Our skills had to be perfect or we were embarrassed because "why would a girl want to be in Business?" It was not her place. **Every day was a challenge** and I hope we paved the way for women's success in that college. It was fun (in retrospect) to be a bit of a pioneer. In 1968, an editor of Mademoiselle magazine contacted me about attending a male institution in transition. The material I gave her was not quoted directly, but was used with other Ivy League schools gone coed.

* **My parents were so relieved I wasn't attending a convent.**

* **Dress code and styles were ridiculously strict... I still don't have any black patent leather shoes!**

* I loved the **beach parties** and the humorous happenings are too numerous to mention!

* **"Kangaroo Court"** Junior guys held this in the Adobe lounge to intimidate the freshman girls. Cafeteria - boys would seat themselves so they could watch the girls come through the line.

* **Climbing the wall** to get into Hancock Hall after being out all night...meeting my husband...Santa Cruz beach parties...all nighters with my roommate solving world problems!

FAVORITE/LEAST FAVORITE CLASSES -

- * Logic (Philosophy) with Jim Sweeters had the most profound effect on my life.
- * Jim Sweeters's Logic Class... he announced the very first day that he accepted co-education and really liked the coeds, but they would really have a hard time passing his class because women just could not be logical.
- * Dr. Sweeters's was a real challenge, but fun.
- * Fr. Mackin's classes... looking back, I'm wondering if he knew what he started when one of his required readings in "Marriage" class was Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan.
- * Dr. Beilharz' history class.
- * Fr. Brusher's History class & drama productions, Dr. Vari's European manner & style, Dr. Beilharz' fascinating presentations on California History, Dr. Hannah's US History stories, Fr. Mackin's marriage class.
- * Favorite prof: Dr. Beilharz
- * Favorite Classes/ Most effect: Dr. Jurika's Political Geography, Fr. Mackin's approach to study of the scripture.
- * Most effect: Metaphysics; Favorite, Dr. Delaney on Teilhard de Chardin.
- * Philosophy classes were great...Fr. Fagothey.
- * Dr. Fast's- he tried to put metaphysics and physics together using DeChardin...Biology...philosophy...
- * Professor Beilharz!
- * Least favorite: Shakey Jake Theology. He always screamed about fornication!
- * Least favorite: Theology
- * Least favorite: Fr. O'Neil used to embarrass us in Theology.

TODAY'S COEDS:

- * They strike me as very casual. The fact that they live so close to the boys must give them a more relaxed attitude toward men not to mention the Women's Lib movement. They seem very outgoing and in general have more direction to the future than the boys -- the opposite of 25 years ago!
- * They are probably a lot more comfortable.
- * Same backgrounds...the dress differently, more clothes. They have more business opportunities available to them. More or less the same interests.
- * I really don't know...I hope they are just as terrific as we were.
- * Smarter, but about the same in enthusiasm. Harder to maintain a close relationship with the University because of the size now and the changing world.
- * Not too different from us. A little more open but really seem more conservative than myself. Maybe liberalism comes with age.
- * More like us than the coeds of the late 60's and 70's, although they are not quite as naive as we were.
- * More career oriented and less interested in marriage.
- * They are smarter and have more leadership qualities. They seem to have the same family values that we had but are more interested in a career because it is a sign of "their times"
- * Smarter, and more sophisticated.
- * Very different because the reasons for being at SCU are changed in the past 20 years...more emphasis on careers in the workplace etc. Better able to compete academically because of preparation early in their educational process.

TODAY'S BRONCO MALE:

- * I think they are still "looking at the girls" constantly, that never changes. The Jesuit influence is strong and I hope they are receptive to the education of the whole person. ...Old Broncos never change.

- * He's still great - I know because I married one and have a son who is loving his Freshman year at SCU!!
- * I hope they don't let anyone call them that!
- * I don't know many...
- * Articulate, friendly and preppy.
- * Hopefully they are not as narrow and are more socially aware than the backward male chauvinists that emminated from the Catholic High Schools of the 50's and 60's.
- * He isn't as Macho but still tries to be. They seem to be more mature and responsible than our day. There seems to be more pressure and competition to succeed.
- * Seems to bery work-oriented and less concerned with the social problems of the world.
- * More scholastic. More accepting of women's intelligence and their personal goals.
- * Smarter, much less chauvinistic than the 61' grads.
- * A lot nicer than Joe Tinney!

COMMENTS ABOUT SCU TODAY

- * Disappointed that SCU is trading off its "Catholic Identity" to reach more secular mentality.
- * Santa Clara was great to me...I'm pleased to see the more diverse student body and the broader range of classes.. It is still simply tops with me!