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CHAPTER I

ORIENTATION TO THE STUDY

Introduction

The three components of a balanced day and of a stable, well-integrated life have always been work, recreation and rest -- each in proper proportion to the other. Personality is like a sensitive scale which, to be truly in balance, cannot be overloaded with any one basic element without destroying the harmony of the whole. Man's need for recreation as a counter-balance to work and rest has always been present, but the recognition of this fact was never more apparent than it is to-day. A war-weary world turns at last to recreation, not as an escape, but as the fulfillment of a very real desire for satisfying, creative forms of leisure. Freedom so dearly won must be enjoyed to be truly appreciated. G. Ott Romney classifies recreation as our Fifth freedom when he says: "To the freedom of speech and of worship, to the freedom from want and from fear, must be added the freedom of choice of pursuits for one's enjoyment and satisfaction in making a life in one's time off-the-job, in one's earned leisure."¹

Many other factors have contributed to the growth of recreation in recent years. Technological developments in the

G. Ott Romney, Off the Job Living, (New York: A. S. Barnes and Company, 1945), p. 8.

form of time-saving inventions have guaranteed many more hours of leisure; a shorter work week has created additional hours for recreation; returning soldiers have added their voices to the demand for better recreational facilities. Charles R. Reed, Field Director for the National Recreation Association, speaking at a joint conference of four recreation groups in Dallas, Texas, said recently, "Eleven million men and women who were given excellent facilities for recreation in the service will be coming back to make the same demands of their communities."¹ Another evidence of the demand for recreational facilities which has come as an aftermath of the war is the establishment of a Commission for Living War Memorials to take the form of gymnasias, playgrounds, and swimming pools. Public recreation has also taken great strides forward. By 1944 there were ". . . . 21 official State Recreation Committees and 13 more States had plans underway for the creation of a State recreation body."²

As the needs of the time and the many pressures of a highly organized mode of living continue to crowd in upon their daily lives, people are turning to one form of recreational activity which offers the peace and quiet they so badly needed -- namely, out-of-door living. The unique appeal which this type of recreation holds for people, stems from the inherent

¹The Dallas Morning News, April 12, 1946.

²Federal Security Agency, Recreation - A New Function of State Government. (Washington, D. C.: Division of Recreation, Office of Community War Services, 1944), p. 2.

need of man to feel "at one" with his universe. For, in a very primitive form, outing can truly lay claim to being the first recreational activity. When primitive man first engaged in out-of-door activities he did so primarily in order to provide food and clothing for his family, and secondarily for amusement and recreation. As civilization progressed, man sought refreshment and the simple life in camping. The historical background of camping is traced by F. H. Cheley:

"If we remember correctly the very first summer camping was done by the Israelites as celebrated in their annual Feast of the Tabernacles when in happy, carefree groups they left organization behind and went, for a few days, to live and find a simple life in huts of boughs, cooking over an open fire and sleeping under stars, with the conviction that by this simple ceremony they could again, for another period of time at least, capture a consciousness of the presence of Jehovah in daily routine."¹

It is a far cry from this humble origin of camping to the well organized, nation-wide program of summer camping that is known today. This form of outing has caught the imagination of thousands and a bright future lies ahead for much greater expansion and development in this area.

Outing in one form or another has from early times had a place in the recreational life of America. The pioneers with the outdoors at their threshold both played and worked at hunting and other activities necessary to their livelihood. As the cities made inroads into rural areas, the pastimes of hunting and fishing, of community picnics and barbecues, gave

¹F. H. Cheley, "I Went to Camp and Found God," The Camping Magazine, January, 1938, p. 3.

per cent of the total population in 1940 was rural.¹ Paradoxically, the great mobility of the American people is a factor which has contributed in a large measure to the increase in urban population and at the same time has enabled people to return to the out-of-doors. Annually, motorists are visiting local, state, and national parks in great numbers. Ski and bicycle trains bring thousands into the country for a week-end of outing, and youth from seven to seventy are taking part in hosteling. To the bicycle and automobile of an earlier day has been added travel by air, a method which is fast coming within range of the average man's pocketbook. What this will mean in the liberation, for outing purposes, of the new and little explored areas of the country is, as yet, undetermined. But, even now, business men are flying from Texas to the Dakotas for a week-end of hunting.

Additional impetus has been given to the development of outing programs in schools and colleges through the advocacy by leading educators of a twelve-month school year. Present plans for the extension of the school year vary. In a number of places, school camps have been established. When writing of the value of school camps to the educational program, L. B. Sharp says that "The greatest educational assets the nation has -- to study, explore, and use as a part of the curriculum -- are its fields, streams, open spaces, communities."² In Texas,

¹W. S. Thompson, Population Problems (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1940), p. 109.

²L. B. Sharp, "Out-of-Door Education--A Point of View," Extending Education, March, 1945, p. 2.

the State Superintendent of Schools, L. A. Woods, has proposed that the play grounds and play facilities of schools remain open during the summer months as part of an extended school year program. As these newer developments in school camping and recreation are extended, a demand for a continuation of these activities in the colleges will necessarily follow.

Colleges throughout the country have long been active in developing outing club programs. S. C. Staley's account of the first Midwest Outing Conference discussed ways and means for promoting outing activities on college campuses and the organization and operation of college outing clubs. In 1932 the Intercollegiate Outing Club Association was founded when twenty-four delegates met to consider various phases of outing club work.¹ Today many colleges throughout the United States have their own outing club programs with a variety of club-owned facilities at the disposal of the club members. In the year 1938 the Dartmouth Outing Club attained the largest number of active members when their membership numbered one thousand.² The importance of outing as one phase of the educational and recreational program of colleges was emphasized during the past war when outing activities such as hiking, mountaineering, and bicycling were included in the National Physical

¹S. C. Staley, "Midwest College Outing Conference," Journal of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, September, 1941, p. 410.

²A. S. Daniels, "College and University Outing Clubs," Journal of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, May, 1938, p. 279.

Fitness Program recommended for college and university students.¹ The skills needed for activities of this nature call for large muscle activity which is necessary to the functioning of a sound, healthy body. It was also recognized that these skills would have every practical value in any war-time emergency. There can be little doubt that the moral-building value of activities which take place in a healthy, wholesome, out-of-door situation was not overlooked.

Because of the importance of outing as an activity in college recreational programs, this study was undertaken. College outing clubs generally have followed the traditional concept of outing when setting up their programs, in that the activities engaged in have been chiefly hiking, campcraft, and woodcraft. Because of the growing interest in and the development of all types of recreational activities to fit varied individual needs, the investigator felt that an outing club program should be planned with reference to a broader interpretation of out-of-door activities. For purposes of the present study, outing has been defined as all recreational activities which people enjoy in an out-of-door, natural setting. By "natural setting" is meant any area which exists in its native state with little or no artificial change. This definition does not preclude participation in recreational activities that take place indoors as long as the setting of the area in which the acti-

¹Federal Security Agency and U. S. Office of Education. Handbook on Physical Fitness For Students in Colleges and Universities. Washington: United States Government Printing Office, 1943, pp. 49-50.

vities are conducted is a natural one. The investigator recognized that areas vary in the degree to which they conform to the definition of "natural setting", and that consequently, it is difficult to draw a sharp line of demarcation between an area which conforms to this definition and one which does not so conform. However, those areas which more closely approximate a "natural setting", as defined in this study, are considered by the investigator to be more suitable for the conduct of an outing club program.

Statement of the Problem

The investigator proposed to make a study of the needs and interests of the Outing Club members at the Texas State College for Women in relation to the broad interpretation of outing which has been previously defined, and, on the basis of the findings, to make implications for specific aspects of the Club program planning.

Purposes of the Study

The primary purposes of the investigator was to determine if a need existed for broadening the scope of the Outing Club program at the Texas State College for Women. Additional purposes which are related to this general purpose are:

1. To familiarize students with the field of outing and broaden their scope of knowledge in this area.
2. To discover the scope of the outing club programs in other selected colleges.

3. To investigate existing areas, facilities, and personnel suitable to the Outing Club program at the Texas State College for Women.

4. To make recommendations for certain aspects of program planning suitable to the Outing Club of the Texas State College for Women.

Limitations of the Study

The present study is limited to the Outing Club at the Texas State College for Women and to the undergraduate students who are members of this Club during the school year, 1945-1946.

Survey of Previous Studies

The present investigator has failed to find any study concerning the Outing Club on the campus at the Texas State College for Women, nor has she found any study related to outing club programs with implications for materials suitable to a college outing club.

It is obvious that no studies have been undertaken for the purpose of ascertaining the scope of college outing club programs. Therefore, the investigator feels that there is a definite need for a study of this nature.

CHAPTER II

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STUDY

As a preliminary step in the development of the study the investigator reviewed the organization, administration and program of the Outing Club, noting especially, those aspects of program planning which pertain to program content, scheduling of activities, and participants in the activities. A description of the Outing Club has been given in the following paragraphs.

The Outing Club at the Texas State College for Women is one of several year-round clubs within the Women's Recreation Association which has a membership of 2,807 students. This represents the total college enrollment since all students in the college are automatically members of the Association. Membership in the Outing Club is open to any member of the Women's Recreation Association who pays the Club dues. Club membership averages two hundred and fifty students per year. Financial assistance for the conduct of the Club is derived largely from the membership dues of one dollar per year; some financial assistance is provided by the Women's Recreation Association. In addition, a nominal fee is charged students for food used on parties and week end trips.

Officers of the Club who are elected by the Club members for a term of one year include a president, vice-president, secretary, treasure, and historian. These officers must have a minimum scholastic average of "C". A faculty member appointed jointly by the Director of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, and by the faculty sponsor of the Women's Recreation

Association serves as advisor to the Club.

The Club is fortunate in having excellent facilities for outing both on and off the campus. Those facilities which are located on the campus include a cabin, an outdoor, screened-in kitchen, and woods. Off-campus areas and facilities within the immediate vicinity of the college include road side parks and fireplaces, many country roads, excellent for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding, and the Lake Dallas area. A well-equipped cabin, owned by the Women's Recreation Association is situated on the shores of the Lake, and all kinds of boats are available to the Club members for both boating and sailing. The college furnishes a truck which transports the Club members to and from Lake Dallas. More distant areas are available to the Club for Outing activities since the college is situated in a state that has such varied topography and climatic conditions, and many miles of natural, uncultivated areas suitable to out-of-door living.

The Outing Club functions actively throughout the college year and holds business meetings whenever these are deemed necessary. Other meetings are held on the average of twice a month at which time Club members usually go to the cabin at Lake Dallas for a week end of fun and fellowship. Occasionally, the Club meets during the week for certain special events.

Club programs at the cabin parties consist of many informal activities such as singing, cooking, folk and ballroom dancing, group discussions, star gazing, evening camp fire programs, and Vespers. Many outdoor sports are enjoyed, including fish-

ing, aquatics, boating, sailing, and photography. The Club also sponsors special events such as hayrides, possum hunts, bicycle trips, et cetera.

Activities are not planned for the group, but are participated in as incidental to other parts of the program. However, Vespers are definitely planned each week end by a group interested in religious services, and a group particularly interested in firemaking engages in this activity. Volunteer student leadership is used for both these planned activities. Club activities are open to members and to invited guests.

A thorough study of all available sources related to outing and college outing club programs was then made by the investigator. Three instruments of research were employed in the collection of data. The investigator constructed and administered two different questionnaires, and, as a result of the findings from one questionnaire, a survey was conducted.

These procedures which were used by the investigator in the development of the study concerning the Outing Club program at the Texas State College for Women are described in detail in this chapter.

Sources of Data

The library at the Texas State College for Women provided excellent sources for the documentary data used in the study. Data were procured from books, periodicals and theses found both in this library and in the library at North Texas State Teachers College. In addition, the investigator secured

pamphlets, brochures, and bulletins from such sources as the chambers of commerce of several states, and state highway departments.

Human sources of data used in the study were two in number: first, the 230 members of the Outing Club who answered the questionnaire distributed to them during the second semester, 1946; and second, staff members of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at the Texas State College for Women whose suggestions concerning the questionnaire were incorporated in the final form of the questionnaire.

Methods of Collecting Data

As was mentioned previously, three research techniques for the collection of data were used in this study; namely, two questionnaires and a survey, copies of which can be found in the Appendix of this study.

First, a questionnaire was sent to a selected group of thirty-four colleges. This questionnaire will hereafter throughout the study be designated as Questionnaire I. Information concerning present practice in college outing club organization, administration and program was sought by means of this questionnaire. With this general purpose in mind certain college outing clubs were selected for study. The types of colleges that were chosen and the reason for the selection of each college were as follows:

1. Colleges located in Texas, because their program would be based on areas and facilities indigenous to this state

and therefore should be particularly applicable to the Outing Club Program at the Texas State College for Women.

2. Colleges with an enrollment as large or larger than the Texas State College for Women whose outing club programs might therefore be similar in several respects to the one in this college.

3. Co-educational colleges for the purposes of discovering ways in which co-recreational outing club activities are conducted.

4. Women's colleges, because their outing club programs would resemble the one at the Texas State College for Women in many respects.

5. Both private and state colleges because of the possibility of variations in the outing club program in each type of college.

6. Colleges in Texas and Oklahoma that are within overnight traveling distance of the Texas State College for Women because of the possibility of future contacts with these colleges for conferences and the exchange of mutual interests.

7. Colleges in different sections of the United States in order to obtain a cross section view of college outing club programs in this country.

8. A man's college in order to ascertain its method of meeting the problem of co-recreational outing club activities.

9. Colleges whose experience and leadership in

well-established and organized outing club programs would best enable them to supply the necessary information for a questionnaire of this nature.

A letter accompanying each questionnaire was sent to the director of the department of health, physical education, and recreation of each institution stating the purpose of the questionnaire and soliciting his cooperation in supplying the information sought. The questionnaire was in check list form and covered such items as general information concerning the club; organization, including sponsorship, length of the club season; membership and available facilities; administration, including leadership, finance, program content and conduct. The investigator hoped that this questionnaire would serve as a frame of reference for the study of the Outing Club program at the Texas State College for Women.

The second questionnaire, hereafter referred to throughout this study as Questionnaire II, was constructed and administered to the 230 present members of the Outing Club at the Texas State College for Women. The investigator considered this method of research to be the most objective for obtaining the information desired from a group of that size. Respondents were not obligated to disclose their identity and were given sufficient time to reply carefully and honestly to the questions that were asked. Since this instrument of research was used as the primary tool employed in the collection of data in this study, a detailed explanation of the methods

used in the construction and distribution of this questionnaire and the treatment of data is given in the following paragraphs.

Construction of the Questionnaire

Questionnaire II was constructed in check list form, but ample space was provided for respondents to list additional information if they so desired.

An introductory paragraph preceded the first section of Questionnaire II in order to orient the students to the purpose of the questionnaire as well as to motivate them to supply complete and accurate answers. The broader interpretation of outing was defined and the students were asked to keep the definition in mind when supplying the information sought.

The first section of Questionnaire II was constructed to secure information concerning the student's classification, major and minor subjects, number of years as an active member of the Outing Club, and the reason or reasons each student had for joining the club. The investigator felt that this information would be complementary to data secured in other sections of the study and would be valuable in the analysis and interpretation of this data.

In section II of the questionnaire, the investigator sought answers to the following three questions related to student preferences regarding the Outing Club Program: (1) in what activities did she most desire to engage? (2) at what

time did she wish to take part in these activities? (3) with whom did she wish to participate in these activities? In relation to question I, the student was asked to check the activities listed, according to her interest in these activities (like, dislike, indifferent), her first three preferences for particular areas of interest; and the area(s) which she felt qualified to lead with the assistance of a faculty leader. Regarding the scheduling of activities, respondents were asked to check (1) the method of organization they preferred when engaging in activities, (2) the number of times they wished to engage in activities, (3) the time or times when these activities should be scheduled. In relation to question III, respondents were asked to state (1) with whom they wished to participate in activities, (2) their interest in co-recreational activities, (3) how often they wished to engage in co-recreational activities, (4) their preference for ways to secure participants for co-recreational activities, (5) their interest in contacts with outing clubs in other colleges, (6) the types of contacts they wished to have with other colleges for outing club activities.

The chief purpose of Questionnaire II was to ascertain the needs and interests of the present members of the Outing Club at the Texas State College for Women in relation to the Outing Club Program. However, the investigator also hoped to broaden the student's interpretation of outing to include all recreational activities which people enjoy in a out-of-door,

natural setting and to acquaint them with the possibilities for contact with the community in which their college is located.

Experts in the field of health, physical education, and recreation were asked to review the questionnaires in their tentative forms and to give their suggestions and criticisms. The questionnaires were then constructed in their final form according to these suggested revisions.

Distribution of the Questionnaire

Questionnaire II was distributed to the 230 members of the Outing Club at the Texas State College for Women. The investigator selected several members of the Outing Club who were majors in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation who distributed and collected the questionnaires in the dormitories where Outing Club members resided. Every member of the Outing Club received a questionnaire. The respondents were given several days in which to reply to the questionnaire in order that they would not be rushed into giving incomplete and inaccurate replies.

Of the 230 that were distributed, 208 questionnaires were answered and returned. This figure represents 90.43 per cent of the total number of questionnaires distributed; therefore, the investigator felt that this percentage was large enough to establish the reliability of this instrument of research employed as the primary tool in the collection of data in this study.

Treatment of Data

The respondent's answers to each item on Questionnaire II were tabulated and interpretations were made concerning each with reference to present club practice. The findings from these items were then interpreted with reference to the three questions concerning student preference listed previously in this chapter as being of particular interest to the investigator, namely, (1) in what activities did students wish to engage? (2) at what times did they desire to take part in these activities? (3) with whom did they wish to participate in these activities? The data were interpreted also, with reference to the primary purpose of this study.

As a result of the findings from Questionnaire II, a survey was made of certain selected areas, facilities and personnel suitable to the Outing Club Program. After consultation with the Chamber of Commerce of Denton, Texas, and talks with informed local citizens, four areas in and around Denton were visited and surveyed by the investigator. Two additional areas located at greater traveling distances from Denton were surveyed by means of a study of documentary sources secured from chambers of commerce and state highway departments. Either by means of interviews or through correspondence with officers of the organization, the investigator also surveyed certain associations with whose programs it was felt the Outing Club might wish to cooperate in the future. Information

obtained by the investigator from this survey, served as a basis for some of the recommendations made in Chapter V.

A summary of the study was then made and conclusions were drawn relevant to the findings of the study. As a result recommendations were made for broadening the scope of the Outing Club program at the Texas State College for Women.

CHAPTER III

FINDINGS

Information concerning the findings of this study has been presented here in relation to the three research techniques employed by the investigator in the securing of data. Questionnaire I and the Survey are described briefly since they were not the primary sources of data for this study. A more detailed treatment of the data secured by Questionnaire II is given.

With regard to Questionnaire I, which was sent to thirty-four selected colleges, replies were received from twenty-three colleges. This figure represents 64.70 per cent of the total number of colleges that received a questionnaire. However, of the number that returned the questionnaire, only fourteen colleges indicated that they have an outing club. Therefore, the information obtained from this questionnaire was considered by the investigator to be too meager for use in this study.

As a result of the survey of selected areas, facilities and personnel, the investigator has written up three local areas and three associations, and has recommended that these places and groups would be of particular interest to the Outing Club. A description of these survey findings has been given in

Chapter V. Other survey data have been filed with the sponsor of the Outing Club. Forms used in the survey are included in the appendix.

For purposes of clarity and continuity, the data from Questionnaire II have been presented in the order in which the items were listed on the questionnaire. These findings have been grouped into the following five categories, and are discussed, and presented to the reader in tabular form:

1. General information concerning the respondents.
2. Outing activities in which Club members are interested.
3. Areas in outing which Club members prefer, and those they feel qualified to lead with the assistance of a faculty leader.
4. Preferences of Club members for methods of scheduling Outing Club activities.
5. Preferences of Club members for people with whom to participate in Outing Club activities.

When analyzing data from Questionnaire II, the investigator has been concerned mainly with preferences of Club members for three aspects of Outing Club program planning: (1) type of activities in which to engage, (2) times for scheduling these activities, (3) people with whom to participate in these activities. All responses have been interpreted with reference to the broader interpretation of outing that includes all recreational activities which people enjoy in an out-of-door, natural setting.

Responses, which are listed in terms of numbers and percentages, do not necessarily total one hundred per cent since Club members were not restricted to one answer in many parts of the questionnaire where it was felt that there was need for expression of more than one preference or reason. Although opportunity was given the respondents for listing additional items in each category, the number who wrote in additional responses was too small to include in the findings, with the exception noted in this chapter in the discussion of findings relative to Dance activities.

In view of the fact that the main purpose of this study was to determine if a need existed for broadening the Outing Club program, and because of the large differences in the numbers indicated for each item, the data have not been treated for statistical significance.

General Information Concerning the Respondents

Table I summarizes the number and percentage of respondents who are members of the Outing Club, according to their college classification.

The Outing Club, as explained in Chapter II, has a membership of 230 undergraduate students on the campus at the Texas State College for Women. Of the 230 questionnaires which were distributed, 208, or 90.43 per cent, were returned. Of this number, 124, or 59.90 per cent, were answered by students in the freshman class; 42, or 20.20 per cent, were answered by students

TABLE I
CLASSIFICATION OF OUTING CLUB MEMBERS
INDICATED BY NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE
OF QUESTIONNAIRES RETURNED

Class	Number of Questionnaires Returned	Percentage of Questionnaires Returned
Freshman	124	59.90
Sophomore	42	20.20
Junior	31	14.49
Senior	11	5.03
Total	208	99.62

in the sophomore class; 31, or 14.49 per cent, were answered by students in the junior class; and 11, or 5.03 per cent, by students in the senior class. These percentages of returns from respondents as indicated by Table I, show that freshmen and sophomores, in that order, constitute the greatest number of Outing Club members.

This number is in proportion to the total number of students of each classification registered in the college during 1945-46. Another reason for the larger percentage of underclassmen in the Club may be that they are not permitted to leave the campus on week ends as frequently as upper classmen, and, therefore, have

more time to devote to a club which often meets on week ends. The factor of selectiveness may also play a part. Freshmen are notable "joiners" of a multitude of activities chosen promiscuously without the discrimination of the more mature student.

In order to ascertain whether the membership in the Outing Club was composed chiefly of students who major in departments whose work has been traditionally considered most closely allied in interest to recreational activities, the respondent was asked to indicate her major field of study. The results of the tabulation of this item, recorded in Table II, indicate that, with the exception of the department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, which ranks first in number of members in the Outing Club, there was no evidence of a close relationship between the various other departments in which the respondents were enrolled as major students, and membership in the Club. The departments with the next highest number of members represented in the Outing Club -- Business and Economics, and Home Economics ranking second and third respectively -- were not departments whose programs are directly related to the usual activities carried on by outing clubs. The large number of members from these two departments however, may be attributed to the fact that these departments rank first and second, in the order mentioned above, in having the largest number of majors of any department in the college. The fact that the department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation ranks first in

TABLE II

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF QUESTIONNAIRES RETURNED
BY OUTING CLUB MEMBERS WHO ARE MAJOR STUDENTS
IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE COLLEGE

Departments	Number of Questionnaires Returned	Per Cent
Art.....	16	7.68
Biology.....	16	7.68
Chemistry.....	6	2.88
Economics and Business.	36	17.30
Education, Philosophy, Psychology....	7	3.36
English.....	5	2.40
Foreign Language.....	3	1.14
Government.....	1	0.48
Health, Physical Educa- tion and Recreation..	41	19.70
History.....	1	0.48
Home Economics.....	33	15.86
Journalism.....	7	3.36
Liberal Arts.....	4	1.92
Library Science.....	3	1.14
Mathematics.....	1	0.48
Music.....	9	4.32
Sociology.....	12	5.76
Speech.....	7	3.36
Total....	208	99.40

the number of members in the Outing Club, does seem to indicate that, in the case of this department, there is a direct relationship between major subject and membership in the Outing Club. Majors in this department have also had, in most cases, some experience in camping which might give them an interest in outing activities. The departments of Art and Biology; Sociology; Music; Speech, Education, Philosophy, Psychology, and Journalism; English; Foreign Language and Library Science; Government, History, and Mathematics are represented in the Club with a decreasing number of members, in the order given. Four Club members are classified as Liberal Arts majors and, therefore, represent no department. With seventeen of the nineteen departments of the college represented in the Club, it is evident that the Club must have a diversified program in order to appeal to the many different interests of the Club members.

The investigator was interested in determining the number of years that the respondent had been an active member of the Outing Club, in order to facilitate the interpretation of data which might be related to the respondent's previous experience in and familiarity with Outing Club procedure and program. Since the largest number of Outing Club members were Freshmen, 151, or 72.58 per cent of the total number of respondents, indicated that they were members for one year; twenty-two, or 10.56 per cent, of the total number of respondents, were members for two years; six, or 2.88 per cent of the total number

of respondents, were members for three years; and one, or 0.96 per cent, was a member for all four years.

Respondents were asked to check their reason (s) for joining the Outing Club and to double check their primary reason. Table III summarizes the responses to this question.

TABLE III
NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO CHECK THE PRIMARY AND
SECONDARY REASONS THEY HAD FOR JOINING
THE OUTING CLUB

Reasons for joining the Outing Club	Primary Reasons	Secondary Reasons
Interested in out-of-door living..	62	110
Enjoy trips to Lake Dallas.....	31	135
Enjoy singing and fellowship.....	21	118
Enjoy special activities offered.. by the Club	33	138
Enjoy hikes.....	4	127

An interest in out-of-door living was checked sixty-two times, placing it first as a primary reason, and well above the primary reason which ranks second, namely, the enjoyment of special activities offered by the Club. This reason was checked thirty-three times. Enjoyment of trips to Lake Dallas, with thirty-one checks was a close third, followed by enjoyment of singing and fellowship which was checked twenty-one times.

Only four Club members ranked the enjoyment of hiking as their primary reason for joining the Club. However, a comparison between the primary and secondary reasons which students indicated for joining the Club shows that those who "enjoy hiking" checked it 127 times, thereby ranking it third in the list of secondary reasons. Hiking, therefore, is an activity which, although liked primarily by only four members, has considerable popularity. 138 Club members checked that they "enjoy special activities offered by the Club," which ranks it first as an activity chosen as a secondary reason of the Club-members. In second place was the enjoyment of trips to Lake Dallas, which received 135 checks.

With respect to these reasons listed by the club members as their primary or secondary considerations for joining the Club, the investigator feels that the Outing Club admirably meets the needs of its members. Frequent trips are taken to Lake Dallas, special events are offered throughout the year, some of which include hiking, and all activities are of an out-of-door nature, giving opportunity for singing and fellowship.

Outing Activities in Which Outing Club Members Are Interested

For a complete and comprehensive understanding of the data from this and the remaining sections of the questionnaire, the reader is reminded that the chief purpose of this study was to determine if a need existed for the broadening of the scope of the Outing Club program at the Texas State College

for Women. Consequently, it was necessary for the investigator to discover the range of interests of the Outing Club members in all recreational activities suitable to an out-of-door, natural setting. All areas of recreation which were considered by the investigator to come within this classification, as previously defined in Chapter II, were listed, together with the activities related to each area. By "area" was meant a broad field of interest such as Nature, Art, Music, et cetera. "Activities" referred to in this study were specific subdivisions of these larger areas which can be enjoyed as recreational pursuits. The respondent was asked to indicate her interest in each activity according to whether she liked the activity, disliked the activity, or was indifferent to the activity. Opportunity was given for the respondent to list, under each area, other activities in which she was interested. Table IV summarizes the findings concerning the interests of each Club member in these activities.

Of the total number of Club members to check the activities included in the area of Nature, the largest number, 163, or 78.35 per cent, indicated their liking for birds; trees were checked by 161, or 77.39 per cent, and 148, or 71.14 per cent, indicated that they like flowers. In comparison to these three activities, there was a big drop in the number of Club members who expressed a liking for rock formation, ferns, and insects, although these were ranked in the order listed, by a representative number of Club members. The only category

TABLE IV

NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES OF OUTING CLUB MEMBERS
WHO LIKE, DISLIKE, OR ARE INDIFFERENT
TO CLUB ACTIVITIES

Activity	Like		Dislike		Indifferent	
	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent
NATURE						
Birds.....	163	78.35	6	2.88	39	18.74
Trees.....	161	77.39	3	1.14	34	16.34
Flowers.....	148	71.14	2	0.96	23	11.05
Ferns.....	80	38.45	17	8.16	38	18.26
Insects.....	50	24.03	84	40.37	60	28.84
Rock formation.....	92	44.22	11	5.28	67	32.20
MUSIC						
Instrumental.....	123	59.12	17	8.16	33	15.86
Singing.....	195	93.73	4	1.92	9	4.32
DANCE						
Folk.....	164	78.83	11	5.28	28	13.44
Square.....	152	73.06	12	5.76	36	17.30
Modern.....	123	59.12	13	6.24	49	23.55
Ballroom.....	168	80.75	8	3.84	12	5.76
SPEECH						
Plays.....	160	76.91	6	2.88	29	13.94
Puppet shows.....	75	36.05	25	12.00	80	38.45
Discussion groups..	104	49.99	22	10.56	66	31.72
Story telling.....	132	63.45	8	3.84	50	24.03
Literature.....	116	55.76	13	6.24	46	22.11
ARTS-CRAFTS						
Basketry.....	77	37.01	20	9.60	86	41.34
Leather work.....	126	60.56	13	6.24	47	22.59
Metal work.....	103	49.51	17	8.16	56	26.91
Painting.....	102	49.03	23	11.05	60	28.84
Sketching.....	99	47.58	24	11.52	65	31.24
Wood carving.....	117	56.24	16	7.68	64	30.76
Clay modeling.....	116	55.76	17	8.16	58	27.88
Knitting.....	93	44.70	33	15.86	51	24.51
Weaving.....	96	46.14	25	12.00	59	28.31

TABLE IV -- CONTINUED

Activity	Like		Dislike		Indifferent	
	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent
CAMP-CRAFT						
1. Woodcraft						
Trail blazing....	131	62.96	10	4.80	44	21.15
Shelter building.	85	40.85	35	16.82	43	20.67
Lashing.....	48	23.07	55	26.43	116	55.76
Woodcutting.....	76	36.53	8	3.84	46	22.11
Firemaking.....	126	60.56	5	2.40	27	12.96
2. Outdoor Cooking...	127	61.04	14	6.72	42	20.18
OUT-OF-DOOR SPORTS						
Hunting.....	152	73.06	17	8.16	28	13.44
Fishing.....	164	78.83	10	4.80	19	9.12
Aquatics.....	154	74.02	6	2.88	31	14.90
Boating.....	175	84.12	3	1.14	12	5.76
Sailing.....	176	84.60	2	0.96	14	6.72
Winter Sports....	142	68.25	5	2.40	27	12.96
Photography.....	168	80.75	3	1.14	18	8.65
Mt. Climbing.....	148	71.14	7	3.36	37	17.78
TRIPS						
Kind						
Hiking.....	182	87.48	2	0.96	13	6.24
Bicycling.....	175	84.12	2	0.96	19	9.12
Horseback Riding.	172	82.68	3	1.14	14	6.72
Canoeing.....	151	72.58	3	1.14	24	11.52
Duration						
Overnight.....	52	24.99	5	2.40	19	9.12
Week end.....	174	83.64	3	1.14	11	5.28
Week or longer..	116	55.76	17	8.16	31	14.90
SPECIAL EVENTS						
Hayrides.....	187	89.89	5	2.40	10	4.80
Possun hunts.....	111	53.35	31	14.96	40	19.22
Treasure hunts...	148	71.14	23	11.05	23	11.05
Parties.....	159	76.43	3	1.14	3	1.14
Valentine						
Christmas						
<u>Et Cetera</u>						
Campfires.....	150	72.10	2	0.96	12	5.76

for which a sizeable number of Club members expressed a dislike was insects -- eighty-four respondents, or 40.37 per cent of the total number of Club members, checked this column.

The preference of the Outing Club members for birds, trees, and flowers may be due to the greater familiarity of students, from early childhood, with these forms of Nature, and the many opportunities that students have for an appreciation of them both at home, and here in college. Rocks and ferns are less common natural species in this particular section of the country, and are not indigenous to Denton in any great number or variety. A dislike for insects has been traditional among girls of college age and this fact may account for the large number who indicated their dislike for this category.

In the area of music, 123 respondents, or 59.12 per cent of the total Club membership, like instrumental music, and 195 members, or 93.73 per cent of the Club membership, checked that they liked singing. This figure represents the highest percentage of Club members who checked their liking for any activity listed in the program content. The great popularity of singing, as indicated by these data, may be due to the universal appeal which this form of rhythm has for people as a cohesive factor in group relationships. Singing on hikes or when gathered around a campfire is an activity in which many Club members may have participated at summer camps. It must be kept in mind, also, that 118 Club members checked

that they "enjoy singing and fellowship" as one of their secondary reasons for joining the Club. Although not as popular as singing, instrumental music, as previously indicated, was checked by more than half the Club members. The difference in the percentage of Club members who like singing better than instrumental music may be attributed, in part, to the fact that more skill and training are required in the latter type of music, and that there are fewer opportunities available to students for participation in instrumental music. Through class sing songs, assembly programs, and other college activities, there are numerous occasions when students may engage in informal singing.

All forms of dance are liked by a large percentage of the respondents. A total of 168 respondents, or 80.75 per cent of the members of the Outing Club, like ballroom dance, and 164 respondents, or 78.83 per cent of the Club membership, like folk dance. Square dance ranks third, and modern dance fourth, according to the numbers and percentages of Club members who indicated their liking for these activities. The popularity of these dance activities is evident also, later in the study, when this area is ranked second in the area preferences of the Outing Club members. The popularity of ballroom dance among the students of the Texas State College for Women, also is attested by A. Rutledge, in a study of the recreational pursuits of the students of this college.¹

¹A. Rutledge, "An Analysis of the Activities in Which

Rutledge found that ballroom dancing was the activity in which the largest percentage of students engage in the recreation room of the college Student Union Building. Rutledge concludes: "This is due, perhaps, to the fact that college students are often very much interested in ballroom dancing as a social activity, and are, therefore eager to become good dancers."¹ Respondents were given the opportunity to list other types of dance, and eighteen Club members, or 8.65 per cent of the total number of respondents, added Tap dance to the list of dance activities for which they expressed a liking. All five types of dance mentioned in this study are offered by the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation as part of the regular program of class activities, as well as in recreational clubs, sponsored by the Women's Recreation Association and this fact may account, in part, for the high percentage of the Outing Club members who like dance activities. The percentages of Club members who dislike or who are indifferent to dance activities are too small to warrant interpretation in this study. Even in the case of modern dance, for which the largest number of respondents, forty-nine, or 23.55 per cent of the total number of Club members, expressed their indifference, slightly

704 Students Enrolled in the Texas State College for Women Engage in Their Leisure Time." Unpublished. Master's Thesis, Graduate Division, Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, Texas State College for Women, 1945.

¹Ibid. p. 49.

more than one-fifth of the membership is represented. Because so many Outing Club members are freshmen, with little or no experience in modern dance previous to their entrance to college, their indifference may be due to their unfamiliarity with this dance form.

Of the activities listed under the area of Speech, the largest number of Club members expressed a liking for plays. A total of 160 respondents, or 76.91 per cent of the total Club membership, indicated their liking for plays as compared to story telling which ranks second, with 132 Club members. One-half of the Club members rank discussion groups, fourth, as was indicated by 104 respondents, or 49.99 per cent of the total Club membership. Puppet shows are liked the least of any speech activity listed on the questionnaire. Only seventy-five Club members, or 36.05 per cent of the respondents, expressed a liking for this activity. In addition, there was a marked increase in the number of Club members who are indifferent to puppet shows in contrast to their indifference to any other speech activity. A total of eighty Club members, or 38.45 per cent of the respondents, expressed indifference to puppet shows. Also, more respondents dislike this activity than any other activity listed, although there was no significant number who expressed a dislike for any speech activity.

The popularity of plays as a recreational activity in the area of Speech, suitable to out-of-door living, is probably due, in part, to the participation which Club members have enjoyed in high school dramatics. The Texas State College for

Women offers many fine courses in this area, but participation in the College Little Theater is limited to those students who meet certain requirements. As indicated by the respondents in this particular item on the questionnaire, there is a large number of students, not necessarily highly skilled in dramatics, who, nevertheless, enjoy participation in this form of recreation.

The significant difference in the number of Club members who ranked puppet shows last, in the order of speech activities in which they are interested, and first in the order of those speech activities in which they are indifferent, as compared to the number who ranked all other speech activities, due to the juvenile character of most puppet shows which are geared to the interests of younger children. It is possible, also, that some Club members are unfamiliar with this form of recreation since shows of this kind are not presented as frequently as some other forms of entertainment.

According to the findings of this study, there is considerable interest among the Outing Club members in the recreational area of Arts and Crafts. Leather work ranks first, in the list of activities liked by the Club members. A total of 126 Club members, or 60.56 per cent of the respondents, indicated their liking for this activity. Wood carving and clay modeling which were ranked second and third, respectively, are liked by an almost equal number of Club members. A total of 117 Club members, or 56.24 per cent of the respondents,

indicated their liking for this activity, and 116 Club members, or 55.76 per cent of the respondents, expressed a liking for clay modeling. Metal craft and painting were ranked next, in that order, with painting, weaving, and knitting ranked by a decreasing number of Club members, in the order given. Basketry is liked by the fewest number of Club members with only seventy-seven respondents, or 37.10 per cent of the Club, who indicated their liking for this activity. Basketry is also the activity in which the highest percentage of Club members expressed their indifference. There was a marked increase in the number who indicated their indifference to this Arts and Crafts activity as compared to the number who expressed their indifference to sketching, which ranks next in the order of activities to which Club members indicated their indifference. A total of sixty-eight Club members, or 41.34 per cent of the total Club membership, professed an indifference to basketry, while only sixty-five respondents, or 31.24 per cent of the total number of Club members, indicated their indifference to sketching. The investigator noted that there were no significant differences in the number of Club members who dislike any particular Arts and Craft activity, nor was there a high percentage of Club members who dislike any of these activities.

In view of the fact that only 7.68 per cent of the Club members major in the Department of Art, and that participation in Arts and Crafts activities in the Texas State College for

Women is limited to those students who meet the course requirements prerequisite to participation in a course in Arts or Crafts, it is probable that the interest in Arts and Crafts expressed by the large number of Club members in these forms of recreational activities, may be due, to some extent, to the experience of the Club members in this type of activity either in high school, summer camps, or in other organizations which sponsor recreation. It is possible, also, that some type of Arts and Crafts is enjoyed as an avocational interest by the parents, relatives or friends of some of the Club members.

The largest percentage of Club members to indicate a liking for every activity listed in this study under a recreational area, expressed their liking for Out-of-door Sports, according to the data from this study. Well over one-half of the Outing Club members indicated that they like every out-of-door sports activity included in this study. Sailing and boating were ranked equally by the respondents. A total of 176 Club members, or 84.60 per cent of the total number of respondents, indicated their liking for boating. Although there are excellent facilities on the campus for many out-of-door sports, Club members can participate in boating and sailing only at Lake Dallas. The great popularity of these two activities among Outing Club members may be attributed, in large measure, to the reasons just suggested.

Photography ranks third as an out-of-door sport liked by Outing Club members. A total of 168 Club members, or 80.75

percent of the total number of respondents, professed a liking for this activity. Many students take photography either as a prescribed or elected course in their college program, and a high carry-over value from this class work to participation in photography as recreational activity, may account, in part, for the popularity of photography among the Outing Club members. Nature and outdoor scenery usually have great appeal for photography enthusiasts and Lake Dallas offers many opportunities for this kind of picture.

Fishing, aquatics, hunting, mountain climbing and winter sports were ranked fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth in the order of out-of-door activities for which Club members professed a liking.

The highest percentage of Club members who indicated their liking for aquatics -- 154 members, or 74.03 per cent of the total number of respondents, checked this activity -- may be due to the popularity of aquatics, generally, among all students in the college, and to the many opportunities which are available for student participation in swimming, diving, life saving, and water sports. Classes in all these activities are conducted each college session by the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. The Women's Recreation Association sponsors an Aquatic Club in which any student may participate. Aquatic activities are becoming more widespread throughout Texas, as a whole, and many Outing Club members have no doubt had experience in some form of this

sport. It is more difficult for the investigator to determine the reason for the great popularity of the other four out-of-door sports as indicated by the Outing Club members who responded to this item on the questionnaire. It is possible that some members have participated in hunting and fishing, since these recreational activities, while not organized on a large scale basis, nor included in the usual school or college recreational program, are, nevertheless, engaged in as one form of informal recreation enjoyed by families or small groups of friends. However, neither mountain climbing nor water sports can be familiar to more than a few of the Outing Club members who expressed a liking for these activities. Since the respondents were asked to check items according to their interest and not their skill in the activity, the investigator concludes that both these out-of-door sports probably have a romance appeal for the respondents.

An area in recreation that has been traditionally included in outing club programs is campcraft. In order to clarify the respondent's thinking in relation to this area, the investigator sub-divided the campcraft activities into two groupings: woodcraft and outdoor cooking.

According to the findings of this study, the activity listed under woodcraft, for which the highest percentages of Outing Club members expressed their liking was trail blazing. A total of 131 respondents, or 62.97 per cent of the Outing Club members, indicated that they like this activity. It is

interesting to note that this percentage represents over one-half of the Outing Club members who like this activity, because, as yet, there are not any noted trails in the area ground around Denton, nor does the Outing Club engage in this activity. This interest probably stems from the previous experience of the Club members in trail blazing in other localities, perhaps while at a summer camp.

Outdoor cooking ranks second in the order of woodcraft activities for which the Club members expressed a liking. A total of 127 respondents, or 61.04 per cent of the total membership of Outing Club members, like this activity. Fire-making, which ranks a close third, is liked by 126 respondents, or 60.56 per cent of the total Club membership. The Outing Club provides many opportunities for its members to engage in both of these activities, which may account for the high percentage of those Club members who like outdoor cooking and firemaking. In addition to week end trips to Lake Dallas, special "cook-outs" are scheduled, and excellent demonstrations of different types of firemaking and outdoor cooking are given.

Fewer members indicated a liking for shelter building, woodcutting, and lashing, which were ranked in this descending order. Lashing is disliked by the greatest number of respondents, and 116 members, or 55.76 per cent of the total Club membership, expressed indifference to this activity. This represents, by far, the highest percentage of indifference expressed by Outing Club members for any campcraft activity, as

well as for any activity, listed in the questionnaire. It is possible that many Club members expressed indifference to lashing because of an unfamiliarity with this activity since it is not offered by the Outing Club at present, nor is it included in many camp programs. This factor of unfamiliarity may also account for the relatively low number of Club members who expressed interest in either shelter building or woodcutting.

When checking the area of Trips, respondents were asked to indicate both the kind and duration of trips in which they are interested.

Activities in this area which is traditional to most outing club programs, are liked by a large number of the respondents in this study. A total of 182 Club members, or 87.48 per cent of the total number of respondents, like hiking trips; 175 Club members, or 84.12 per cent of the total number of Club members, like bicycle trips; and, 172 Club members, or 82.68 per cent of the total number of Club members, like horseback riding trips. These numbers represent over three-fourths of the Club membership who like trips of this nature. Too, nearly three-fourths of the Club members like canoeing trips, as checked by 151 respondents, or 72.58 per cent of the total number of Club members.

With regard to the duration of trips, the largest percentage of respondents expressed their liking for "week end" trips. A total of 174 respondents or 83.64 per cent of the total number of Club members, checked this category. Trips

lasting a "week or longer" rank second in the order of duration of trips for which the Outing Club members expressed their liking. A total of 116 Club members, or 55.76 per cent of the respondents, checked trips of this duration. A relatively small percentage of Club members professed a liking for trips of "overnight" duration. This category was ranked third, by fifty-two respondents, or 24.99 per cent of the total Club membership.

In view of the fact that the largest percentage of the Outing Club members indicated that their reason for joining the Club was their interest in out-of-door living, it is not surprising that such a large number expressed a liking for trips, and activity which involves direct contact with the out-of-doors. Several short trips of less than a day's duration are taken by the Club but, as yet, trips by bicycle, horseback or canoe have not been undertaken, mainly because the necessary means of transportation have not been available to the Club.

The preference of the respondents for week end trips, as recorded in this study, is probably due to the desire of students to get away occasionally from the campus on week ends as a change from the regularly scheduled activities participated in during the week. A week end allows more time for full enjoyment of out-of-door activities than does the shorter overnight trips. The Club does not, at present, take trips of a duration of a "week or longer". However, respondents have probably had some previous experience with trips lasting this long. On the other hand, a relatively larger number professed

their indifference and dislike to trips of this duration than was indicated for either of the other two trips.

Special events offered by the Outing Club are very popular with the Club members according to the data obtained from this study. The largest number of Club members to check this item indicated that they like hay rides. A total of 187 Club members, or 89.89 per cent of the total Club membership, rank this activity first in the order of special events offered by the Club for which they professed a liking. Responses concerning other special events listed under this area indicate that the Club members like these activities, in descending order of the frequency with which the activities were checked, as follows: parties, liked by 159 respondents, or 76.43 per cent of the total number of Club members; campfires, liked by 150 respondents, or 72.10 per cent of the total number of Club members; and, treasure hunts liked by 148 respondents, or 71.14 per cent of the total number of Club members. These three special events which rank second, third and fourth, respectively in the order given, are liked by a relatively larger number of Club members than was indicated for the special events that Club members like fifth, namely, possum hunts. While 111 Club members, or 53.35 per cent of the respondents, indicated their liking for possum hunts, it was also the activity ranked highest, in comparison to the other special events listed, according to the number of respondents who indicated their dislike or indifference to this activity.

Hayrides and campfires are special events which have been traditional to the Outing Club at the Texas State College for Women. This may account, in part, for the large percentage of respondents who expressed a liking for these activities. Both events provide excellent opportunity for the enjoyment of singing and fellowship which Club members indicated as one of their reasons for joining the Outing Club. Parties and treasure hunts also come within this category, and have a special appeal because of the novelty which they lend to any program. It is possible that possum hunts are liked by fewer members of the Club because activities of this nature require more vigorous activity, and demand more concentrated attention with less immediate satisfaction to the participant, than do other special events included in this area.

Areas in Outing Which Club Members Prefer, and
Those They Feel Qualified to Lead With the
Assistance of A Faculty Leader

In addition to discovering the activities in which Club members are interested, the investigator sought to determine those areas of recreation which are most preferred by the Club members. This information was considered germane to an understanding of the program content as a whole and essential to any future program planning which might emerge as a result of this study. Therefore, Club members were asked to indicate those recreational areas, listed in the questionnaire, which they prefer first, second, and third. The data from this section of the questionnaire are summarized in Table V. The last

TABLE V

NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES OF OUTING CLUB MEMBERS
WHO INDICATED THEIR FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD
PREFERENCES FOR OUTING AREAS, AND THE
COMPOSITE NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES
OF THESE PREFERENCES

	First Preference		Second Preference		Third Preference		Composite Preference	
	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent
Out-of-door Sports	64	30.76	43	20.67	19	9.12	126	60.56
Dance.....	29	13.94	26	12.48	32	15.38	87	41.82
Trips.....	27	12.96	40	19.22	41	19.70	108	51.91
Special Events....	9	4.32	13	6.24	21	10.08	43	20.67
Music.....	16	7.68	9	4.32	14	6.72	39	18.74
Arts-Crafts.....	5	2.40	11	5.28	13	6.24	29	13.94
Nature.....	7	3.36	7	3.36	8	3.84	22	10.56
Campcraft.....	4	1.92	8	3.84	10	4.80	22	10.56
Speech.....	8	3.84	5	2.40	7	3.36	20	9.60

column in this table represents the composite of the ratings recorded in the first three columns.

The findings from this study reveal that the largest number of Club members rate out-of-door sports as their first preference of areas suitable to out-of-door recreation. This was indicated by the decidedly higher number and percentage

of Club members who ranked this area first -- a total of sixty-four respondents, or 30.76 per cent of the total Club membership. Dance ranks second in the order of recreational areas most preferred by the Club members. This area was checked by twenty-nine Club members, or 13.94 per cent of the total number of respondents, closely followed by Trips which ranks third, in the order of first preferences for recreational areas expressed by Outing Club members. Of the total number of respondents to check this item of the questionnaire, twenty-seven, or 12.96 per cent, checked Trips as the area which they preferred first. Other areas, ranked in the following order of first preferences expressed by Club members, are: Music, Special Events, Speech, Nature, Arts and Crafts, and Campcraft.

Out-of-door sports are also first in the order of preferences which Club members expressed as their second choice of recreational areas. Trips rank in second place in this listing of preferences, and Dance ranks third. Of the total number of respondents who indicated their second area preference, the following number ranked each area: Out-of-door Sports -- forty-three, or 20.67 per cent; Trips -- forty, or 19.22 per cent; Dance -- twenty-six, or 12.48 per cent. Other recreational areas indicated by a decreasing number of respondents as their second preference, were ranked in the following order: Special Events, Arts and Crafts, Music, Campcraft, Nature, and Speech.

A tabulation of the third preference of Club members for recreational areas suitable to out-of-door living shows that Trips received first place ranking, followed by Dance in second place, while Special Events rank third. Out-of-door Sports, Music, Art and Crafts, Campcraft, Nature, and Speech follow in the descending order of the numbers and percentages of respondents who indicated these areas as their third preference.

A composite of the first, second, and third preferences of the respondents for each recreational area included in this study shows definitely that the three areas which received significantly higher percentages of ratings throughout the tabulation of data from the respondents to this item, maintain these high rankings in the final totalling of the ratings. Out-of-door Sports rank first with 126 members, or 60.56 per cent, of the Club membership, who indicated their preference for this area. Trips ranks second. A total of 108 Club members, or 41.82 per cent of the total number of respondents, chose this area. Dance, preferred by eighty-seven members, or 41.82 per cent of the total number of respondents, ranks third. Other recreational areas listed in the descending order of frequency checked, are: Special Events, Music, Arts and Crafts, Nature, Campcraft, and Speech.

From these data, the investigator concludes that although Out-of-door Sports, Trips and Dance received a decidedly higher ranking than the other areas in the preferences

expressed by respondents, each area listed in the study is liked by a representative number of Club members. This variety of interest of the Outing Club members is evident also in the data obtained from the respondents concerning their activity interest. It is the opinion of the investigator that the varied background and experiences of these respondents account for some of the diversity of interests and preferences indicated in these data.

An outing club program with as broad a scope of areas and activities as has been suggested in this study, necessitates a fairly large number of leaders for the successful conduct of this program. The investigator sought to determine the amount of student leadership within the Club itself, that could supplement the leadership secured for these activities, from among the faculty of the Texas State College for Women. Respondents, therefore, were asked to indicate those areas in outing which they feel qualified to lead with the assistance of a faculty leader. Responses to this item of the questionnaire are summarized in Table VI.

The investigator noted that student leadership is available for every recreational area included in this study, according to the number and percentage of Outing Club members who professed that they feel qualified to lead the areas with the assistance of a faculty leader. The largest amount of leadership was indicated for the three areas which Club members ranked as their first, second, and third preference, as has been recorded previously in this study.

TABLE VI

NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES OF OUTING CLUB MEMBERS
WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO LEAD OUTING CLUB
ACTIVITIES WITH THE ASSISTANCE
OF A FACULTY LEADER

Area	No.	Per Cent
Trips	42	20.18
Out-of-door Sports	36	17.30
Dance	35	16.82
Special Events	32	15.38
Speech	26	12.48
Arts and Crafts	26	12.48
Campcraft	26	12.48
Music	17	8.16
Nature	12	5.76

Of the total number of respondents, forty-two, or 20.18 per cent, feel qualified to lead Trips; thirty-six, or 17.30 per cent feel qualified to lead Out-of-door Sports; and thirty-five, or 16.82 per cent, feel qualified to lead Dance. Other areas which the Club members indicated that they feel qualified to lead with the assistance of a faculty leader, and the number and percentage of respondents who checked each area follow: Special Events -- thirty-two or 15.38 per cent; Speech, Arts and Crafts, Campcraft -- twenty-six, or 12.48 per cent;

Nature -- twelve, or 5.76 per cent.

Although no attempt was made to determine the relationship between the areas which the respondents feel capable of leading, and their major field of study in the college, the investigator feels that the training which students receive in these various departments accounts, in large measure, for the leadership qualification indicated by the respondents. It is evident from the findings from these data, that there is a reserve of leadership material for all areas, latent within the Outing Club membership.

Preferences of Club Members for Methods of Scheduling Outing Club Activities

In addition to information revelant to the content of the Outing Club program, the investigator hoped to determine the preferences of the Club members for the scheduling of the program activities. Respondents were asked to indicate the method of organization which they prefer when engaging in the activities that they had checked; how often they would like to engage in these activities; and, the time or times they would like to engage in these activities.

Of the three methods of organization for participation in Club activities in this section of the study, 133 respondents, or 63.93 per cent of the total Club membership, prefer to "meet with a group within the Club, that is especially interested in the activity." The percentage of Club members who prefer this

type of organization is well above the numbers and percentages of those respondents who indicated their preference for either of the other two suggested methods of organization. Only forty-eight Club members, or 23.07 per cent of the total number of respondents, indicated that they prefer to "meet with the entire Club to engage in the activity planned as one phase of the program," and a smaller number, twenty-four Club members, or 11.52 per cent of the total Club membership prefer to "meet with the entire Club and engage in the activity as incidental to other parts of this program." This preference expressed by such a large number of Club members for organization of the Club activity group seems, to the investigator, to be directly related to the percentage of members who indicated their interest in the many program activities listed in the preceding section of this questionnaire. Club members probably feel that this type of organization permits each member a greater participation in the activity which she most prefers than would be possible if the entire Club engaged in the activity.

Table VII summarizes the findings of this study relative to the frequency with which the Club members prefer to engage in the activities they had checked. Opinion concerning this item was closely divided between groups -- those members who prefer to meet twice a month and those who prefer to meet once a week. Of the total number of respondents to indicate these preferences, fifty-five, or 23.43 per cent, prefer to

TABLE VII
 NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES OF OUTING CLUB
 MEMBERS WHO INDICATED THE FREQUENCY
 WITH WHICH THEY WISHED TO ENGAGE
 IN CLUB ACTIVITIES

How often students would like to engage in the activity	No.	Per Cent
Once a week.....	54	26.43
Twice a week.....	14	6.72
Once a month.....	52	25.47
Twice a month.....	55	26.91
Once a semester.....	2	0.96
Two-three times during the semester..	31	14.90

meet "twice a month," and fifty-four, or 25.95 per cent, prefer to meet "once a week." The next largest number of respondents indicated their preference to meet "two - three times during the semester." Only fourteen respondents, or 6.72 per cent of the total number of Club members, indicated that they prefer to meet "twice a week." Participation in activities "once a semester" is preferred by two respondents, or 0.96 per cent of the total Club membership.

It seems evident to the investigator that, although the Outing Club meets regularly twice a month and therefore

satisfies the preference of a large number of its members, there is another large group of members who desire more frequent meetings. Since there is no required number of meetings set by the Club, those members who prefer to meet less frequently are at liberty to do so.

Respondents were asked, also, to indicate the time or times when they would like to engage in the activities they had checked. This information is summarized in Table VIII.

TABLE VIII
TOTAL NUMBERS OF OUTING CLUB MEMBERS
TO CHECK THE TIMES THEY WISH TO
ENGAGE IN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Times when students would like to engage in activities	No.
On week ends.....	84
During the week.....	38
During school holidays.....	24
Between semesters.....	48

The largest number of respondents indicated their preference for engaging in activities "on week ends." This time was checked by eighty-four Club members. As was noted previously, this is the time when students have the most opportunity for rest, relaxation, and recreation. In addition, there are

fewer organized forms of recreation conducted on week ends than during the week, and, through Outing Club meetings, students are assured of group participation with others of like interests.

Other occasions which were indicated by Club members as times when they wish to engage in Club activities were: "between semesters," checked by forty-eight Club members; "during the week," checked by thirty-eight Club members; and "during school holidays," checked by twenty-four Club members.

From these responses, it is obvious to the investigator that, in addition to the week end and occasional meetings during the week of the Outing Club as it is now organized, there is a representative number of Club members who desire to engage in Club activities between semesters, and a smaller number who are interested in Club meetings during school holidays. Since these are occasions when many students leave town and life on the campus is comparatively quiescent, it is natural for Club members to wish to engage in Club activities at these times.

Preferences of Club Members for People
With Whom to Participate in
Outing Club Activities

A third aspect of program planning about which the investigator sought information, concerns the people with whom Club members wish to participate when engaging in Club activities. Respondents were asked to indicate preferences with

regard to possible participants listed for their consideration.

The largest number of Club members to check this item were 196 respondents who indicated their desire to participate with "student members of the Club." Next, in the order of number of respondents who expressed their preference for participants, were 102 Club members who wish to engage in Club activities with "faculty members of the Club." A total of 114 Club members wish to engage in Club activities with "invited guests." Other people with whom Club members wish to participate are given in the order of numbers of Club members to check each group in turn: "student non-members of the Club who are interested," checked by ninety-nine respondents; "faculty non-members who are interested," checked by fifty-six respondents; and, "community non-members," checked by forty-eight respondents.

It is evident from these data that, although a large majority of Club members desire to participate with other student members of the Club, their interest in people with whom to engage in Club activities extends beyond their own age level and college community, and includes non-members as well as members.

With the advent of the war, opportunity for student participation in co-recreational activities became extremely limited. This situation is rapidly being remedied with the speeding up of the demobilization process, and the subsequent return of young men to civilain life. Although students at Texas State College for Women have not engaged, to a great

extent, in co-recreational activities involving play, the investigator was of the opinion that, given the opportunity, Outing Club members would be interested in co-recreation. Consequently, respondents were asked to indicate, first, their interest in having co-recreational activities; second, the frequency with which they wished to participate in these activities; and third, the way in which they would like to secure participants for these co-recreational activities.

Evidence from these data is conclusively in favor of co-recreation in so far as Outing Club members who participated in this study are concerned. A total of 198 respondents, or 95.19 per cent, of the total Club membership, expressed their desire for co-recreational activities.

In answer to the question concerning the frequency with which they wished to participate in activities of this nature, 114 Club members indicated occasionally, and eighty-seven Club members indicated frequently.

The method most preferred by Outing Club members for securing participants for co-recreational activities is to "invite groups from outing clubs in other localities." This method was checked by 171 respondents. A total of 100 respondents wish to "participate in activities conducted by other outing groups;" ninety respondents want to "invite dates;" and forty-seven respondents wish to "invite people in the community."

The widespread interest in co-recreational activities as one aspect of the Club program, indicated by these data, is

not surprising. The findings from these data reflect the natural tendency of college students to seek the company of members of the opposite sex. It is possible that more Club members would have indicated their desire to invite dates as one method of securing participants for co-recreation, had not their experience in co-recreation been limited to activities conducted in a less natural, out-of-door setting.

Respondents were also asked to indicate if they wish to have contacts with outing clubs in other colleges. If their answer was in the affirmative, they were asked to check the type of contacts they wish to have with these colleges. A total of 193 Club members expressed desire for contacts with other college outing clubs. This number represents 92.77 per cent of the total Club membership. The types of contacts which respondents indicated they would like to have with other colleges are presented here in the descending order of frequency checked. A total of 142 Club members expressed a desire to "belong to an Intercollegiate Outing Club Association;" eighty-two checked that they wish to "attend college outing conferences;" sixty-six Club members desire to "plan trips with other colleges;" and, fifty-two Club members indicated that they would "allow their outing facilities to be used by other colleges."

In view of the fact that the Outing Club at the Texas State College for Women has not, as yet, participated in outing activities with other colleges, it is interesting to note the large percentage of Club members who indicate a desire for this

type of contact. This interest may be related to the fact that 171 respondents, as previously mentioned, prefer to "invite groups from outing clubs in other localities" as the method most desired for securing participants for co-recreational activities. It is natural, also, for college students to desire contacts with groups who share the same interests.

Summary of the Findings from the Present Study
in Relation to the Three Main Aspects
of Outing Club Program Planning

The reader is reminded that, throughout this study, the investigator sought answers to three main questions concerning the Outing Club program planning. These questions were related to the preferences of the Outing Club members for: (1) the content of the Club program, (2) the method of scheduling these program activities, (3) the people with whom to participate in Club activities. A summary of the data obtained from the responses to Questionnaire II, in relation to the three questions is recorded by the investigator in the following paragraphs.

A large number of the Outing Club members are interested in all the areas of recreation suggested in this study as suitable to an out-of-door, natural setting, with the greatest amount of interest centering in the three areas of Out-of-door Sports, Trips, and Dance, checked in that order. Many of the activities within the area listed, are liked by a high percentage of respondents.

Club members wish to engage in these activities with groups within the Club who are interested in the activity. They prefer that meetings for this purpose be held either once a week or twice a month, according to the responses concerning the desired number of meetings that were checked most frequently, by the respondents. More Club members prefer to meet on week ends than at any other time listed for their consideration.

Although they have definite preferences for the people with whom they wish to participate, on the whole, Club members are willing to participate with faculty as well as students, with community as well as campus participants. They are definitely interested in participants for co-recreation, and desire contacts with outing clubs in other colleges.

CHAPTER IV

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Recreation, always an important element in man's life, has, with the end of war, assumed an added significance. Man has won, not only the right to freedom, but the right to enjoy that freedom fully. Outing is one form of recreation to which a large number of people have turned in relief from the tense, crowded confines of a war time existence. Many have discovered the joys of out-of-door living for the first time; others have learned to appreciate this form of recreation while in school or college.

The investigator has been especially interested in outing activities as they are carried on by college outing clubs, and particular interest was felt concerning the scope of these outing club programs. The Outing Club at the Texas State College for Women was chosen for study. The investigator proposed to ascertain the needs and interests of the Outing Club members in relation to the broader interpretation of outing which has been previously defined in this study.

The primary purpose of the investigator was to determine if a need existed for the broadening of the scope of the Outing Club program at the Texas State College for Women. In addition, the investigator proposed to make certain recommendations concerning certain aspects of Club program planning.

It was hoped, also, that through the techniques used in this study and as a result of the findings, Club members at the Texas State College for Women would become aware of the broader scope of outing as it applies to their Club Program.

In order to obtain an over-view of present practices in college outing club organization, administration, and content of the program, which would serve as a basis for a study of the Outing Club at the Texas State College for Women, a questionnaire was sent to a selected group of colleges.

Additional information which would aid in the interpretation of the findings of this study was sought by means of a survey of existing areas, facilities, and personnel suitable to the Outing Club program at the Texas State College for Women.

A questionnaire, administered to the 230 members of the Outing Club at the Texas State College for Women during the school year, 1945-46, was employed as the primary research tool used in this study. A total of 208 Club members, representative of all four of the college classes, responded to the questionnaire. Items on the questionnaire were arranged in check list form, and the questionnaire was constructed for the purpose of securing information concerning the preferences of Outing Club members relative to three main aspects of the Club program: (1) program content, (2) scheduling of activities, (3) participants in activities. Information obtained from this questionnaire has been organized into five main categories

which have been listed in Chapter III as follows:

1. General information concerning the respondents.
2. Outing activities in which Club members are interested.
3. Areas in outing which Club members prefer, and those they feel qualified to lead with the assistance of a faculty leader.
4. Preferences of Club members for methods of scheduling Outing Club activities.
5. Preferences of Club members for people with whom to participate in Outing Club activities.

Significant findings from each of these categories are summarized briefly in the following paragraphs, and conclusions are drawn pertinent to each category.

1. Seventeen of the nineteen departments in the college are represented in the Outing Club membership. Students who major in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation comprise the largest number of Club members. Next in the order of number of majors who are members of the Club is the Department of Business and Economics, followed by the Department of Home Economics. Other departments in the college which are represented in the Club are listed in the order of the decreasing number of members from each department: Art and Biology; Sociology; Music; Speech, Education, Philosophy, Psychology, and Journalism; English; Foreign Language and Library Science; Government, History, and Mathematics. According to

the college records, of the number of major students in all college departments, the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, ranks higher than any other department in the number of major students enrolled as members in the Outing Club, in proportion to the total number of majors in this department.

From an analysis of these data, the investigator concludes that, although there are other factors which determine a person's choice of recreational activities besides interest in one's major field of work, the direct relationship between the major work of the students from the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation and the activities engaged in by the Club is one reason for the large representation of members from this department in the Club. The investigator infers, therefore, that probably more students representative of the departments of Art, Biology, Music, Speech and Library Science, would become members of the Outing Club if recreational activities of similar nature to the major work of these departments, were included in the Club program.

2. A large number of Club members indicated their liking for all sub-divisions included in the area of Nature. These activities listed in the order of the decreasing numbers of Club members who indicated a liking for each activity are as follows: birds, trees, flowers, ferns, rock formation and insects. More Club members expressed an indifference to rock formation than was indicated for any of the other sub-divisions in this area.

Singing is an activity for which more Club members indicated their liking than was indicated for any other activity listed on the questionnaire. Instrumental music, the other activity listed in the area of Music, is liked, also, by a large number of Club members.

All forms of dance included in this study under the area of Dance, are liked by large numbers of Club members. Ballroom, folk, square, and modern dance, in this order, are liked by a decreasing number of students.

Speech activities are also popular with Club members. In this area, plays are liked by more Club members than any other activity, followed by story telling. Literature and Discussion groups, in this order of the decreasing number of Club members to check each activity. Puppet shows are liked by the smallest number of Club members and are the activity for which the largest number of Club members indicated their dislike and indifference.

Of the total number of Club members who expressed a liking for activities included under the area of Arts and Crafts, the largest number like leather work. The remaining Arts and Crafts activities are listed in the order of the decreasing number of Club members who indicated their liking for these activities: wood carving, clay modeling, metal work, painting, sketching, weaving, knitting. There was a marked drop in the number of Club members who expressed a liking for basketry as compared to those who like the other Arts and Crafts activities. Also,

more Club members are indifferent to this activity.

Both woodcraft and outdoor cooking, sub-divisions of activities included in the area of Campcraft, are liked by large numbers of Club members. More Club members expressed a liking for trail blazing and firemaking than for any other woodcraft activity. A significantly smaller number of Club members like shelter building, woodcunning and lashing, ranked in this order of preference.

All activities listed under the area of Out-of-door Sports are liked by a large number of Club members. A greater number of Club members like all these activities than like the total number of activities listed in any other area. Out-of-door sports activities listed in the order of the decreasing number of Club members who like each activity are: sailing, boating, photography, fishing, aquatics, hunting, mountain climbing, and winter sports.

Hiking, bicycling, horseback riding and canoeing trips are well-liked in this order of the decreasing number of Club members who expressed a liking for each kind of trip. The largest number of Club members like week end trips followed by the number who like trips lasting a week or longer. A much smaller number like overnight trips.

Of the total number of Club members who expressed a liking for activities included in the area of Special Events, by far the largest number indicated a liking for hayrides. Other special events listed in the order of the decreasing

number of Club members who checked each event listed follows: parties, campfires, treasure hunts, and possum hunts.

In conclusion, findings from this study indicate the great popularity of most of the activities listed, and the interest of a representative number of Club members in all the activities. With but a few exceptions, no activity is disliked, nor was a majority of the Club members indifferent to any activity. The investigator concludes that a wide variety of activities to meet the many diverse interests of the Club members should be added to the program. The exact number and kind of activities offered during any one year would naturally depend upon the total Club membership, the preferences of the members, and the leadership available at that time.

3. According to a composite of the total number of Club members who indicated the areas in outing which they prefer first, second, and third, the largest number of Club members prefer Out-of-door Sports, Trips, and Dance in this order. The remaining areas are listed in decreasing order of the composite preference expressed by the Club members: Special Events, Music, Arts and Crafts, Nature and Campcraft, and Speech.

The investigator concludes that the Outing Club program, as it is now constituted, is adapted to the interests of the Club members in so far as the three areas, mentioned by the Club members as their first, second, and third preferences, are concerned. Special events are also offered by the Club. However, there is need for an expansion of the Club program to

include all areas listed in this questionnaire, and to offer more in the areas which are already included in the program.

The same recreational areas indicated by Club members as their first, second, and third preference are also those areas in which the largest number of Club members express their ability to lead with the assistance of a faculty leader. The largest number of Club members can lead Trips, followed by those who can lead Out-of-door Sports, and then Dance. Other areas which Club members expressed their ability to lead, in order of the decreasing number of members to indicate this ability are: Special Events; Arts and Crafts, and Campcraft; Music; Nature.

From an analysis of the findings concerning areas which the Club members feel capable of leading with the assistance of a faculty leader, the investigator concludes that there is a wealth of potential leadership within the membership of the Outing Club. Therefore, in so far as the problem of leadership is concerned, it is possible to include in the Club program the many recreational areas for which Club members indicated their liking.

4. Of the three methods of organization for participation in Club activities suggested by the investigator, the largest number of respondents indicated their preference for meeting with a group within the Club, that is especially interested in the activity. A much smaller number of Club members prefer to meet with the entire Club to engage in the

activity planned as one phase of the program. Last in the order of the number of respondents to indicate their preference for methods of organization were those who prefer to meet with the entire Club and engage in the activity as incidental to other parts of this program.

The investigator concludes that Club activities should be put on an eclectic basis so that members may engage in the activity of their choice with others whose interests are similar to their own. This method of organization would still permit the Club to meet as a whole for many activities whenever this larger group participation was desired. Week end activities might easily be scheduled so as to allow for activity group meetings followed by meetings of the entire Club for such activities as meals, campfires, parties, vespers, et cetera.

Many Club members prefer to meet once a week. An almost equal number prefer to meet twice a month. These two groups represent the largest numbers of respondents to indicate their preference as to the frequency of Club meetings; once a month, two-three times during the semester, twice a week, and once a semester were other frequencies of meetings for Club activities listed, in this order, by a decreasing number of Club members.

The investigator concludes that the Outing Club does not meet for participation in activities as frequently as is desired by a representative number of Club members. However, the number of activity meetings now held by the Club does

satisfy the remaining members, since the Club averages two activity meetings a month and has no requirements as to the number of meetings which a member must attend.

Preferences of Club members for the time when they wish to engage in Club activities were similar to the preferences expressed for duration of trips. Most Club members prefer to engage in activities on week ends. The remaining times for participation in activities given in the order of the decreasing number of Club members who checked each, follow: between semesters, during the week, during school holidays.

The investigator concludes that the present practice of conducting Outing Club activities on week ends should be continued, but that provision should also be made for those students who expressed a desire to engage in Outing Club activities during school holidays and between semesters.

5. Club members wish to participate in Club activities with other student members of the Club. A large number also would like to participate with faculty members of the club. More respondents checked these two groups of participants in the order of preference just given, than any of the following participants listed for their consideration, and recorded in the decreasing number of Club members who checked each: invited guests, student non-members of the Club who are interested, faculty non-members, community non-members.

From the summary of these findings, the investigator concludes that membership in the Outing Club should be open to

faculty members, and that an effort should be made by the Club members to acquaint the faculty with the activities of the Club and to interest them in becoming members.

Although a smaller number of Club members indicated their desire to have community members participate in Club activities, the investigator infers that a larger number of Club members would be interested in some form of community participation in Club activities if there were closer school-community relationship in other types of college activities.

Club members are overwhelmingly in favor of having frequent co-recreational activities, according to the findings of this study. They prefer to secure participants for these activities by inviting groups from outing clubs in other localities. Other methods for securing participants given in the order of the decreasing number of Club members who checked each item are as follows: participate in activities conducted by other outing groups, invite "dates", invite people in the community. The investigator concludes that co-recreational activities should be incorporated in the Club program, and that other outing clubs should be contacted for this purpose.

Club members desire also to have other kinds of contacts with college outing clubs. By far the largest number wish to belong to an Intercollegiate Outing Club Association. Other types of contacts with college outing clubs, desired by Club members, listed in the order of the decreasing numbers

of Club members to check each item are: attend college outing conferences, plan trips with other colleges, allow your outing facilities to be used by other colleges. The investigator concludes, from the data from this and the preceding item on the questionnaire, that Club members desire contacts with other college outing clubs.

A review of the findings mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, when related to the three main aspects of Club program planning with which this study was concerned, leads the investigator to conclude that: (1) there is a definite need for broadening the Outing Club program at the Texas State College for Women, (2) changes should be made in the scheduling of Club activity meetings, and, (3) provisions for participants in Club activities should be made that will permit various individuals and groups to enjoy some form of participation and collaboration with the Outing Club members.

In keeping with these conclusions, certain recommendations have been made in Chapter V for these three aspects of Club program planning.

CHAPTER V

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations, based on the findings of this study and pertinent to the conclusions which were recorded in Chapter IV, have been made by the investigator and have been discussed in this chapter under two headings: (1) recommendations for Outing Club program planning: content of program, scheduling of activities, participants in activities; and, (2) recommendations for future studies.

Recommendations for Outing Club Program Planning

Content of program: In general, it is recommended that recreational activities of Arts and Crafts, Nature, Music, and Speech, including literature, be added to the Outing Club program. For this purpose, the investigator recommends that clubs for each of these areas be organized within the framework of the Women's Recreation Association. It is further recommended that the only requirements for membership in these clubs be an interest in the club, a continued support of the club once it is organized, and any nominal fees necessary to the conduct of the club. Through the creation of these clubs, it is felt that impetus will be given for activities of a similar nature within the Outing Club itself.

Specific recommendations concerning Campcraft, Out-of-door Sports, Trips and Special Events are as follows:

It is recommended that every effort be made to secure some of the surplus war equipment suitable to the conduct of Campcraft activities -- such items as tents, bedrolls, ponchos, axes, et cetera.

With regard to Out-of-door Sports, the investigator recommends the inclusion in the Outing Club program of all out-of-door sports activities listed in this study and hitherto not a part of the Club program. There are excellent facilities available for fishing, hunting and photography. If Trips are taken during school holidays and between semesters, a recommendation which is made elsewhere in this chapter, there will be opportunities for Club members to participate in mountain climbing and winter sports, depending on the time and place of these trips.

Because of the interest of Club members in Trips of all kinds, the investigator recommends that Club members who are interested in Trips have an opportunity to participate in these activities more frequently. With the recent acquisition of bicycles by the college, bicycle trips can be made to many points of interest. It is probable that some arrangement could be made with the college riding stables to secure horses for horseback trips. Canoe trips could be taken to points of interest on Lake Dallas.

The investigator recommends further that occasional

trips be made to particular points of interest rather than trips with no specific destination in view other than a suitable spot on which to cook-out or camp overnight. In this way, Club members can acquire a broader knowledge of their college community and of the local folkways mores. Places in and around Denton which might be of interest to Outing Club members were surveyed by the investigator, and a brief description of a few of these points of interest follows:

Cole Ranch: This ranch, also known as "The Blue Hole Ranch", is owned by Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Cole of Denton, Texas. Located seven miles from Denton, the ranch covers some 2,400 acres of good pasturage stocked with over a thousand head of cattle which can be seen everywhere, grazing and watering.

Facilities are available for use by groups from the Texas State College for Women Outing Club including an outdoor fireplace for cooking purposes, grounds where Club members may camp overnight if they so desire, and a pond, stocked with fish, that can be enjoyed by those who like to fish.

The ranch is in easy hiking distance of the college. However, since the dirt roads leading to the ranch are in good condition, Club members could get there by means of bicycles, horseback riding, or college trucks.

Mr. Cole has given his permission for the Outing Club members to use the facilities mentioned above. Permission has also been given for Club members to see the living room of the ranch. This room is filled with beautifully mounted animal

heads and hides collected by Mr. Cole over a period of many years. These facilities may also be used by co-educational groups, provided the group is chaperoned. There is no charge for use of these facilities. Standards of good camping and outing are expected to be observed.

Texas State Fish Hatchery: The Texas Fish Hatchery, largest hatchery in the South, is located six and one half miles by water from the Texas State College for Women cabin on Lake Dallas and twelve miles from the city of Denton. The hatchery is operated by the State Fish, Game and Oyster Commission for the purpose of stocking the lakes and streams throughout this section of the state. There are fifty-two ponds or tanks in which various types of fish are hatched. Different wildlife fowl are also found here.

This spot can be easily reached from the Women's Recreation Association cabin by canoe. Other means of transportation to this location include bicycling, horseback riding or hiking.

Areas adjacent to the Hatchery are suitable for picnicking. Anyone may visit the Hatchery and there is no charge for this privilege.

Cullom Ranch: Mr. and Mrs. Parker Cullom own and operate this dude ranch which is located three miles east of Decatur just off State Highway No. 24. The ranch is twenty-six miles

from Denton and can be reached by hiking, riding, bicycling or on horseback. However, since the Decatur highway goes directly from Denton to within three miles of the ranch, this should make an excellent bicycling trip for members of the Outing Club.

Informal, recreational activities are engaged in by the ranch guests. Facilities are available for softball, tennis, shuffleboard, et cetera. There are twenty-five Brahma steers and six broncs on the ranch and rodeos are held during the summer. Quail and dove hunting are enjoyed in season. Entertainment is impromptu and unorganized and the special attraction in the way of entertainment is the Saturday night barn dance, at which time music is furnished by a four-piece hillbilly band.

Sleeping facilities are provided for the women in the main ranch house. Men sleep in the barn loft.

Outing Club members can visit, picnic and sleep overnight or for as long a period of time as they wish. Fees for these services are equivalent to those charged at other dude ranches similar to the Cullom Ranch.

With regard to the duration of Trips, it is recommended that the Outing Club plan more week end trips and that these be taken to other areas of interest in addition to the regular week end trips to Lake Dallas. Lake Texoma is suggested as an excellent place for a week end trip. For those who desire trips of a week or longer duration, the investigator recommends

that the Outing Club investigate such places as Turner Falls, Oklahoma, and the Big Bend National Park, Texas.*

Because of the popularity of Special Events, the investigator recommends that more activities of this nature be scheduled, and that these activities be planned frequently for co-recreational groups on "date" nights and week ends. Such events as sunrise breakfasts, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, et cetera could be included in the program of Special Events.

The investigator recommends that Club members be given opportunities for leadership, by including activities in the program in all the areas in which ability for leadership was expressed. It is further recommended that faculty members who are interested in the various recreational areas be motivated to assist these student leaders. Extension of Club membership to faculty members should result in an increase in faculty leadership for Club activities.

In addition to these recommendations, the investigator suggests that wherever it is considered worthwhile by the faculty, students who are majoring in Recreation or in any of the departments whose work is directly related to the Club recreational areas, be permitted to lead an Outing Club activity in the related area, as a practical project in fulfillment of some of the course requirements. Additional leadership

*Materials on all areas mentioned in this paragraph are filed with the faculty sponsor of the Outing Club.

should be obtained with the creation of recreational clubs in all areas specified in this study.

Scheduling of activities: It is recommended that wherever feasible, Club meetings be held once a week for the purpose of participation in Club activities. More frequent activity meetings will be possible if additional leadership is provided. The recent purchase by the college of additional cars, station wagons, and buses should enable more students to attend meetings held at Lake Dallas. If there is a housing problem due to a possibly increased membership in future years, it is possible that a sufficient number of members will enjoy sleeping in shelters and other outdoor facilities since a large number of respondents indicated their liking for campcraft activities.

Since a large number of Club members like trips of a week or longer, it is recommended that trips be planned during school holidays and between semesters. The cabins at Lake Dallas might also be used at this time for Club groups who wish to spend some time there.

Participants in activities: The investigator recommends that the Outing Club consider ways and means of interesting faculty members in Club activities, and that the Club investigate the possibilities for contact with individuals and groups in the community. Some form of collaboration between the Club and individual community members or certain community groups might be effected. The reciprocity in exchange of ideas,

leadership, et cetera should redound to the mutual benefit of both groups. A brief description of a few groups, in or near Denton with whom the Club might cooperate in various projects, and with whom some form of collaboration might be evolved follows:*

1. Denton County Pointer and Setter Club: This club is concerned with many subjects of interest to sportsmen. Working in close collaboration with the Texas Wildlife Federation, the Club sponsors speakers on soil conservation and related topics. Movies on such sports as fishing and hunting, are frequently shown at the regular monthly meetings of the Club. Present plans of the club include the establishment of a monthly radio program over the local radio station K.D.N.T., a survey of ducks and geese at Lake Dallas for Ducks Unlimited, and the conduct of amateur field trials for Club members.

The Club sponsors an annual barbecue as a benefit for a boy's summer camp at Lake Dallas. This is an all-community event highlighted by the exhibitions of outstanding sports performers and by the excellent barbecued food which is prepared and served by the Club. Possibilities for Outing Club participation with this Club in hunting, fishing, outdoor cooking and other out-of-door activities are unlimited.

*Materials relative to the purposes, organization, and program of these groups are filed with the faculty sponsor of the Outing Club.

2. Denton Sailing Club: Sailing enthusiasts from many localities within or adjacent to Denton County belong to the Denton Sailing Club. With headquarters at the Hundley Boat Company on Lake Dallas, the Club is within convenient traveling distance of the Outing Club, especially since the Women's Recreation Association Cabin is also situated on Lake Dallas approximately eight miles north of Hundleys. Information concerning boating, fishing, safety tips, game laws and other kindred subjects may be secured at Hundleys, since Mr. Hundley is also a sponsor-member of the Outboard Boating Club of America.

The investigator does not limit her recommendations to the immediate, local community, but is convinced that collaboration with any community group related to out-of-door living merits the consideration of the Texas State College for Women Outing Club. Consequently, it is recommended that the Club investigate the activities of such groups as the Texas Wildlife Federation, Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, Texas Mineral Society, Ducks Unlimited, National Park Service, United States Forest Service, et cetera.* Collaboration with groups similar to those just listed, has already been included as a phase of other outing club programs according to information

*Materials related to these organizations are filed with the faculty sponsor of the Club.

secured by means of Questionnaire I sent by this investigator, and referred to elsewhere in this study.¹ Broadening the scope of the Outing Club program to include collaboration, either directly or through correspondence, with other organizations such as these, is in keeping with the present trend in resource education, which has been given impetus recently, here in Texas, through the inclusion of a program of resource-use education in the public schools.²

An organized program of co-recreational activities to be conducted at the Texas State College for Women on week ends is recommended by the investigator as one means of popularizing co-recreation on this campus. The investigator believes that the over-all sponsorship of organized co-recreation on week ends by the Women's Recreation Association is essential to the successful conduct of a co-recreational program by any one Club in this Association. Since participation in outing and sports co-recreational activity is not customary in this college, probably an early fall co-recreational Sports Week End would help to motivate a program of this kind. "Dates", could participate in these activities. The Outing Club could invite another college outing club as their guest. In addition, contacts should be made at other times throughout the

¹Appendix.

²"Schools Will Teach Forest Conservation." Dallas Morning News, Sunday April 7, 1946.

year with college outing clubs within a convenient traveling distance of the Texas State College for Women. It is also recommended that the Club investigate the Intercollegiate Outing Club Association with a view to becoming members of that organization.

Recommendations for Future Studies

Based upon the findings from this study, the investigator recommends the following as suitable topics for future study.

1. A study of the possible organization and administration of a chain of youth hostels in Texas, using college outing clubs as a nucleus in the development of this organization.

2. The development of an organized, comprehensive program of co-recreation on the campus at the Texas State College for Women.

3. A selected bibliography suitable for use in the activity program of the Outing Club at the Texas State College for Women.

4. A study of factors which contribute to leadership ability in recreational activities.

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APPENDIX

Texas State College for Women
Denton, Texas

March 18, 1946

Dear

Miss Daphne Suba, a graduate student in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at the Texas State College for Women, is undertaking a study concerning the organization, administration and program of college outing and hiking clubs as the topic of her thesis for a Master of Arts degree to be conferred by this institution. Our staff feels that this particular study is not only timely but highly significant in view of the increasing emphasis upon recreation and upon outing as a recreational activity. Miss Suba's broadened concept of outing activities to include many creative, expressive skills along with those more traditionally associated with outing and hiking should lead to an enriched, expanded program befitting this important all-college organization.

Your institution has been chosen as one of a selected group of colleges and universities throughout the country which is sponsoring an exemplary outing and hiking club for young women. We need your help, therefore, in developing Miss Suba's study and are enclosing a questionnaire for acquiring information which you can best supply. To facilitate your response and minimize the time to be subtracted from your busy schedule, the questionnaire has been developed in the form of a check--list. Please know that we shall appreciate your cooperation in supplying the information sought. We believe that, with your help, the study will redound to our mutual benefit in developing a sound program of outing activities for college women.

Miss Suba is well-qualified through keen interest, through study, and extensive experience to undertake this particular project. She is working under the capable direction of Miss Virginia Bourquardez who brings to her guidance a broad background of outing and camping experience and leadership.

With best wishes to you, and with sincere appreciation for your splendid co-operation, I am

Most cordially,

ASD:Z

Anne Schley Duggan
Director

Enclosure

QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION,
AND PROGRAM OF COLLEGE OUTING AND HIKING CLUBS

INTRODUCTION:

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE INVESTIGATOR TO ASCERTAIN THE SCOPE OF THE OUTING CLUB PROGRAMS IN A SELECTED GROUP OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. THE MATERIAL FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE USED IN A THESIS STUDY; THEREFORE, YOUR COOPERATION IN ANSWERING ALL QUESTIONS AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE WILL BE APPRECIATED.

WHEN READING THE QUESTIONNAIRE PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE BROAD INTERPRETATION OF OUTING WHICH HAS BEEN USED AS A BASIS FOR THIS STUDY. OUTING HAS BEEN DEFINED AS: "ANY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY WHICH PEOPLE ENJOY IN AN OUT-OF-DOOR, NATURAL SETTING." BY "NATURAL SETTING" IS MEANT ANY AREA WHICH EXISTS IN ITS NATIVE STATE WITH LITTLE OR NO ARTIFICIAL CHANGE.

THIS CONCEPTION OF AN OUTING PROGRAM MAY NECESSITATE THE SUB-DIVISION OF AN OUTING CLUB INTO ACTIVITY GROUPS WITHIN THE CLUB. THEREFORE, THE QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED TO ALLOW OUTING CLUBS ORGANIZED ON THIS BASIS TO INDICATE THIS IN THE ANSWERS.

PLEASE SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION EITHER BY CHECKING THE BLANKS OR WRITING IN THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION. CHECK AS MANY BLANKS AS ARE NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE YOUR PROGRAM.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. NAME OF COLLEGE _____ LOCATION _____
CITY _____ STATE _____

2. PRESENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT _____ NUMBER ON COLLEGE FACULTY _____

MEN _____ NUMBER ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHING STAFF _____

WOMEN _____

B. ORGANIZATION

1. NAME OF CLUB _____ YEAR FIRST ORGANIZED _____

2. CLUB IS SPONSORED BY

_____ COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

_____ OTHER CAMPUS ATHLETIC OR RECREATION ASSOCIATION (INDICATE THE ASSOCIATION)

_____ PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

_____ OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN THE COLLEGE (INDICATE THE DEPARTMENT)

LIST OTHERS

3. LENGTH OF CLUB SEASON

_____ ANNUAL

_____ FALL

_____ SPRING

_____ SEMESTER

_____ WINTER

_____ SUMMER

4. CLUB MEETINGS

5. MEMBERSHIP

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NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THE CLUB (ANSWERS SHOULD INDICATE AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS EACH YEAR OVER A 3-4 YEAR PERIOD)

___ TOTAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP	___ FRESHMAN	___ SENIOR
___ MEN	___ SOPHOMORE	___ GRADUATE
___ WOMEN	___ JUNIOR	___ FACULTY

6. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

___ PAYMENT OF CLUB DUES

___ MEMBERSHIP IN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

___ MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ATHLETIC OR RECREATION ASSOCIATION (INDICATE THE ASSOCIATION)

___ MAJOR IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION OR RECREATION

___ MAINTENANCE OF SPECIFIC SCHOLASTIC AVERAGE (INDICATE THE AVERAGE)

___ ATTENDANCE AT SPECIFIC NUMBER OF MEETINGS

___ INTEREST IN CUTING

___ SKILL IN CUTTING

___ KNOWLEDGE OF FIRST AID

___ NO REQUIREMENTS

___ LIST OTHERS

7. AVAILABLE FACILITIES AND AREAS

ON CAMPUS

___ CABIN	___ PARK OR WOODS
___ SHELTER	___ LAKE
___ OUTDOOR FIREPLACE	___ STREAM
___ RECREATION ROOM	___ LIST OTHERS
___ GYMNASIUM	_____

OFF CAMPUS

___ CABIN	___ RIVER
___ SHELTER	___ STREAM
___ RESORT	___ MOUNTAIN
___ OUTDOOR FIREPLACE	___ MOUNTAIN TRAILS
___ COUNTRY CLUB	___ STATE PARK
	___ LIST OTHERS

8. FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO OFF CAMPUS SITES

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- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIKE | <input type="checkbox"/> COLLEGE OWNED CONVEYANCES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BICYCLE | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC CONVEYANCES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SKATE | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE CARS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RIDE (HORSEBACK) | <input type="checkbox"/> LIST OTHERS |

C. ADMINISTRATION

1. STUDENT LEADERS

CLUB OFFICERS	TERM OF OFFICE	METHODS OF ELECTION	QUALIFICATIONS (IF NONE REQUIRED PLEASE INDICATE)
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2. FACULTY LEADERS

METHODS OF ELECTION

- ☐ ELECTED BY CLUB MEMBERS
- ☐ APPOINTED BY DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
- ☐ APPOINTED BY DIRECTOR OF OTHER DEPARTMENT (INDICATE THE DEPARTMENT)
- ☐ APPOINTED BY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR
- ☐ LIST OTHERS

3. FINANCE

SOURCE OF FUNDS

- ☐ MEMBERSHIP DUES
- ☐ STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND
- ☐ COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
- ☐ OTHER COLLEGE ATHLETIC OR RECREATION ASSOCIATION
- ☐ PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
- ☐ OTHER DEPARTMENTS (INDICATE THE DEPARTMENT)
- ☐ FUNDS RAISED FROM SPECIAL SALES, SUCH AS, APPLE, DOUGHNUT, ET CETERA
- ☐ ADDITIONAL FEES CHARGED STUDENTS FOR FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION
- ☐ LIST OTHER METHODS

D. PROGRAM

1. SPECIFIC PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

PLACE A CHECK (✓) IN EACH OF THE COLUMNS THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR PROGRAM.

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[illegible]

	DOES YOUR CLUB ENGAGE IN THIS ACTIVITY?	ORGANIZATION				LEADERSHIP		
		IS THIS ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR AN ACTIVITY GROUP WITHIN THE CLUB ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THIS PHASE OF THE PROGRAM?	IS THIS ACTIVITY PLANNED AS ONE PHASE OF THE PROGRAM IN WHICH THE ENTIRE CLUB ENGAGES?	IS THIS ACTIVITY ENGAGED IN BY THE ENTIRE CLUB ONLY AS INCIDENTAL TO OTHER PARTS OF THE PROGRAM?	STUDENT	FACULTY	COMMUNITY	
					DO YOU USE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE INTERESTED AND SKILLED?	DO YOU USE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY FROM THE DEPARTMENTS RELATED TO THE ACTIVITY?	DO YOU USE ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED AND SKILLED?	
					DO YOU USE RECREATION MAJORS OR STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDIT FOR THIS WORK?	DO YOU USE ANY MEMBER OF THE FACULTY WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE ACTIVITY?	DO YOU USE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A CLUB RELATED TO THE ACTIVITY?	
					DO YOU USE PAID STUDENT WORKERS?			
ARTS - CRAFTS								
BASKETRY								
LEATHER WORK								
METAL CRAFT								
PAINTING								
SKETCHING								
WOOD CARVING								
CLAY MODELING								
KNITTING								
WEAVING								
LIST OTHERS								
CAMP - CRAFT								
1. WOOD CRAFT								
TRAIL BLAZING								
LASHING								
SHELTER BUILDING								
WOODCUTTING								
FIREMAKING								
2. OUTDOOR COOKING								
OUT-OF-DOOR SPORTS								
HUNTING								
FISHING								
AQUATICS								
BOATING								
SAILING								
WINTER SPORTS								
PHOTOGRAPHY								
MT. CLIMBING								
LIST OTHERS								
TRIPS								
KIND								
HIKING								
BICYCLING								
HORSEBACK RIDING								
CANOEING								
DURATION								
OVERNIGHT								
WEEKEND								
WEEK OR LONGER								
LIST OTHERS								

2. GENERAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES (INDICATE BY CHECKING IF YOUR CLUB ENGAGES IN ACTIVITIES OF THIS KIND)
 INFORMAL ACTIVITIES

☐ SPECIAL EVENTS (HAY RIDES, POSSUM HUNTS, ET CETERA)

☐ EVENING CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

3. ORGANIZATION OF THE PROGRAM (UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THESE QUESTIONS REFER TO THE PROGRAM CARRIED ON BY THE ACTIVITY GROUPS WITHIN THE CLUB. A CLUB NOT ORGANIZED ON THIS BASIS SHOULD ANSWER ONLY THE ITEMS CONCERNING CLUB POLICY)

REQUIRED NUMBER OF MEETINGS FOR ACTIVITY GROUPS WITHIN THE CLUB

☐ A DEFINITE NUMBER OF MEETINGS REQUIRED OF EACH ACTIVITY GROUP IS SET BY THE CLUB

☐ EACH ACTIVITY GROUP WITHIN THE CLUB DETERMINES ITS OWN NUMBER OF REQUIRED MEETINGS

☐ NO REQUIREMENTS FOR NUMBER OF MEETINGS THAT MUST BE ATTENDED BY ACTIVITY GROUP MEMBERS

LIST OTHER METHODS

SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF ACTIVITY GROUPS

☐ DURING THE WEEK

☐ WEEK ENDS

☐ OLDDAYS

LIST OTHERS

PARTICIPANTS IN ACTIVITY (INDICATE THE CLUB POLICY CONCERNING THESE ITEMS)
 GENERAL PARTICIPATION

☐ LIMITED TO CLUB MEMBERS

☐ OPEN TO CLUB MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS

☐ OPEN OCCASIONALLY TO NON-MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE ACTIVITY

LIST OTHERS

PARTICIPATION IN CO-RECREATION
 (THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE ANSWERED ONLY BY THOSE COLLEGES WHICH ARE NOT CO-EDUCATIONAL)

CLUB PARTICIPATION ☐ ALWAYS ☐ FREQUENTLY ☐ NEVER

METHODS OF SECURING PARTICIPANTS FOR THESE ACTIVITIES

☐ INVITE "DATES"

☐ PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY OTHER
 OUTING GROUPS

☐ INVITE GROUPS FROM OUTING CLUBS IN OTHER LOCALITIES

☐ INVITE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

LIST OTHERS

COMMUNITY GROUPS WITH WHOM YOUR CLUB COOPERATES (STATE, LOCAL, NATIONAL)

<u>NATIONAL</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION	<input type="checkbox"/> STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> BIRD DOG CLUBS
<input type="checkbox"/> BUREAU OF RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/> STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION	<input type="checkbox"/> ROD AND GUN CLUBS
<input type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL PARK SERVICE	<input type="checkbox"/> STATE WILDLIFE FEDERATION	LIST OTHERS
<input type="checkbox"/> U. S. FOREST SERVICE	LIST OTHERS	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.	_____	_____
LIST OTHERS	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

TYPES OF CONTACTS WITH OUTING CLUBS IN OTHER COLLEGES (INDICATE THE CLUB POLICY CONCERNING THIS ITEM)

☐ ATTEND COLLEGE OUTING CONFERENCES

☐ PLAN TRIPS WITH OTHER COLLEGES

☐ ALLOW YOUR OUTING FACILITIES TO BE USED BY OTHER COLLEGES

☐ BELONG TO INTERCOLLEGIATE OUTING CLUB ASSOCIATION

☐ DO NOT HAVE CONTACTS

☐ DO NOT HAVE CONTACTS BUT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING PLANS ALONG THESE LINES.

QUESTIONNAIRE TO ASCERTAIN THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OUTING CLUB
AT TEXAS STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

INTRODUCTION:

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE INVESTIGATOR TO ASCERTAIN THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OUTING CLUB ON THE CAMPUS AT T. S. C. W. THE MATERIAL FROM THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE USED IN A THESIS STUDY; THEREFORE, YOUR COOPERATION IN ANSWERING ALL QUESTIONS AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE WILL BE APPRECIATED. THE NATURE OF THIS STUDY IS SUCH THAT YOUR NAME NEED NOT BE KNOWN TO THE INVESTIGATOR, NEVERTHELESS, YOUR TRUTHFUL AND ACCURATE ANSWERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS STUDY A SUCCESS.

WHEN READING THE QUESTIONNAIRE KEEP IN MIND THAT THE INTERPRETATION OF OUTING HAS BEEN BROADENED TO INCLUDE ALL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WHICH PEOPLE ENJOY IN AN OUT-OF-DOOR, NATURAL SETTING.

PLEASE SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ASKED FOR IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE EITHER BY CHECKING THE BLANK OR BLANKS OR BY WRITING IN THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

CLASSIFICATION _____ MAJOR SUBJECT _____

NUMBER OF YEARS AS ACTIVE MEMBER OF T. S. C. W. OUTING CLUB _____ MINOR SUBJECT _____

REASONS FOR JOINING CLUB (INDICATE BY CHECKING (✓) THE REASON OR REASONS YOU HAD FOR JOINING THE CLUB;
DOUBLE CHECK (✓) YOUR PRIMARY REASON)

_____ INTERESTED IN OUT-OF-DOOR LIVING

_____ ENJOY TRIPS TO LAKE DALLAS

_____ ENJOY SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP

_____ ENJOY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY THE CLUB (HAYRIDES, POSSUM HUNTS, ET CETERA)

_____ ENJOY HIKING

LIST OTHERS _____

II. CLUB PROGRAM

A. CONTENT OF PROGRAM

BELOW IS A LIST OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT PEOPLE ENJOY IN AN OUT-OF-DOOR, NATURAL SETTING. IN COLUMN I, CHECK EACH ITEM AS TO WHETHER YOU LIKE THE ACTIVITY, WHETHER YOU DISLIKE THE ACTIVITY, OR WHETHER YOU ARE INDIFFERENT TO THE ACTIVITY. YOUR CHECK SHOULD DENOTE INTEREST RATHER THAN SKILL. IN COLUMN II, PLEASE INDICATE THE AREA IN WHICH YOU ARE MOST INTERESTED BY RATING IT NUMBER (1). THE AREA WHICH WOULD BE YOUR NEXT CHOICE RATE NUMBER (2). THE AREA WHICH WOULD BE YOUR THIRD CHOICE RATE NUMBER (3). IN COLUMN III CHECK THE AREA WHICH YOU FEEL QUALIFIED TO LEAD WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A FACULTY LEADER.

	COLUMN I			COLUMN II	COLUMN III
	INTERESTS			PREFERENCE	LEADERSHIP
	LIKE	DISLIKE	INDIFFERENT		
NATURE					
BIRDS					
TREES					
FLOWERS					
FERNS					
INSECTS					
ROCK FORMATION					
LIST OTHERS					
MUSIC					
INSTRUMENTAL					
SINGING					
DANCE					
FOLK					
SQUARE					
MODERN					
BALLROOM					
LIST OTHERS					
SPEECH					
PLAYS					
PUPPET SHOWS					
DISCUSSION GROUPS					
STORY TELLING					
LITERATURE					
LIST OTHERS					
ARTS-CRAFTS					
BASKETRY					
LEATHER WORK					
METAL CRAFT					
PAINTING					
SKETCHING					
WOOD CARVING					
CLAY MODELING					
KNITTING					
WEAVING					
LIST OTHERS					
CAMP-CRAFT					
1. WOOD CRAFT					
TRAIL BLAZING					
LASHING					
SHELTER BUILDING					
WOOD CUTTING					
FIREMAKING					
2. OUTDOOR COOKING					
OUT-OF-DOOR SPORTS					
HUNTING					
FISHING					
AQUATICS					
BOATING					
SAILING					

	COLUMN I			COLUMN II	COLUMN III
	INTERESTS			PREFERENCE	LEADERSHIP
	LIKE	DISLIKE	INDIFFERENT		
WINTER SPORTS					
PHOTOGRAPHY					
MT. CLIMBING					
LIST OTHERS					
TRIPS					
KIND					
HIKING					
BICYCLING					
HORSEBACK RIDING					
CANOEING					
DURATION					
OVERNIGHT					
WEEK END					
WEEK OR LONGER					
LIST OTHERS					
SPECIAL EVENTS					
HAY RIDES					
POSSUM HUNTS					
TREASURE HUNTS					
PARTIES					
VALENTINE					
CHRISTMAS					
ET CETERA					
CAMP FIRES					
LIST OTHERS					

B. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

1. WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS OF ORGANIZATION WOULD YOU PREFER WHEN ENGAGING IN THE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU HAVE CHECKED?

- ☐ MEET WITH A GROUP WITHIN THE CLUB, THAT IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE ACTIVITY
☐ MEET WITH THE ENTIRE CLUB TO ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITY PLANNED AS ONE PHASE OF THE PROGRAM
☐ MEET WITH THE ENTIRE CLUB AND ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITY AS INCIDENTAL TO OTHER PARTS OF THIS PROGRAM

2. HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU CHECKED?

- ☐ ONCE A WEEK
☐ TWICE A WEEK
☐ ONCE A MONTH
☐ TWICE A MONTH
☐ ONCE A SEMESTER
☐ TWO-THREE TIMES DURING THE SEMESTER
☐ ANY OTHER

3. CHECK THE TIME OR TIMES WHEN YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENGAGE IN THESE ACTIVITIES?

- ☐ ON WEEK ENDS
☐ DURING THE WEEK
☐ DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
☐ BETWEEN SEMESTERS
☐ LIST OTHERS _____

C. PARTICIPANTS IN ACTIVITIES

1. CHECK THE BLANK OR BLANKS INDICATING THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN CLUB ACTIVITIES.

- ☐ STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE CLUB
☐ FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE CLUB
☐ STUDENT NON-MEMBERS OF THE CLUB WHO ARE INTERESTED
☐ FACULTY NON-MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED
☐ COMMUNITY NON-MEMBERS
☐ INVITED GUESTS

2. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HAVING CO-RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES?

- ☐ YES
☐ NO
 (IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO QUESTION NUMBER (2) PLEASE CHECK THE BLANKS OF QUESTIONS NUMBER (3)-(4).

3. HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE CO-RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES?

- ☐ OCCASIONALLY ☐ FREQUENTLY

4. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SECURE PARTICIPANTS FOR THESE CO-RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES?

- ☐ INVITE "DATES"
☐ INVITE GROUPS FROM OUTING CLUBS IN OTHER LOCALITIES
☐ INVITE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY
☐ PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY OTHER OUTING GROUPS
☐ LIST OTHERS _____

5. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE CONTACTS WITH OUTING CLUBS IN OTHER COLLEGES?

_____ YES

_____ NO

(IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO QUESTION NUMBER (5) PLEASE CHECK THE BLANKS OF QUESTION NUMBER (6).)

6. WHAT TYPE OF CONTACTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE WITH OTHER COLLEGES?

_____ ATTEND COLLEGE OUTING CONFERENCES

_____ PLAN TRIPS WITH OTHER COLLEGES

_____ ALLOW YOUR OUTING FACILITIES TO BE USED BY OTHER COLLEGES

_____ BELONG TO AN INTERCOLLEGIATE OUTING CLUB ASSOCIATION

LIST OTHERS

SURVEY OF AREAS AND FACILITIES

A. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- I. Name of place _____ Address _____
- II. Name of owner (s) _____ Phone _____
- III. Distance from the Texas State College for Women
1. Miles _____

B. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE TO BE VISITED:

- I. Size _____
- II. Facilities:
- a. Cooking: _____ indoor _____ outdoor
- b. Sleeping: _____ indoor _____ outdoor
- III. Ways and means of getting to place of interest
- a. Bicycle _____ b. Hike _____ c. Horseback _____
- d. College truck _____ e. Canoe _____ f. Car _____

C. USE OF AREA AND FACILITIES:

- I. May the facilities be used by the Outing Club?
- _____ Yes _____ No
- II. May the facilities be used for both boys and girls?
- _____ Yes _____ No
- III. May the Club have the following:
- _____ Permission to visit _____ Permission to picnic
- _____ Permission to camp overnight
- IV. Are fees charged for use of the facilities?
- _____ Yes _____ No

SURVEY OF PERSONNEL
(Individuals or groups)

A. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP

B. ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP(S)

C. PURPOSES OF GROUP (To be listed only if a group is surveyed)

D. WORK OF INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP

E. SUGGESTED WAYS OF COLLABORATION WITH THE TEXAS STATE
COLLEGE FOR WOMEN OUTING CLUB

