

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
(COGS)  
COLLEGE ORGANIZATION (for) GENERAL SERVICE  
1943-1944

Officers:	1943-1944	1944-1945
Chairman:	Dorothy Chorpening	Mary Louise Merritt
Vice Chairman:	Barbara Jeschke	Lucille Blue
Secretary:	Merthel Greenwell	Carolyn Young
Treasurer:	Barbara Stout	Sara Magill (Kenna)
Historian:	Weeks Kirkmeyer	Didi Dunphey
Publicity Director:	Joyce Thresher	Elizabeth Prather
Alspaugh House Chn.:	Merthel Greenwell	Merle Levy
Aycock House Chn.:	Jeanne Price	Claire Richardson
Bassett House Chn.:	Lois Nichols	Nancy Sour
Brown House Chn.:	Dorothy Stackhouse	Ruth Duffy
Giles House Chn.:	Peggy Aeugle	Ebby Scholz
Jarvis House Chn.:	Weeks Kirkmeyer	Anna Scott
Pegram House Chn.:	Zelda Samovitz	Clarice Hall
Town Girls Club Chn.:	Celia Thompson	Celia Thompson

These facts should be added about the officer personnel:

Barbara Stout graduated in January, 1944, and June Kane became treasurer. Weeks Kirkmeyer graduated in January, 1944, and Sandy Techlin became historian and Pat Hartz became Jarvis House chairman. Joyce Thresher resigned from the committee at the end of the first semester and Elizabeth Prather became publicity director. Merthel Greenwell resigned her position as Alspaugh House chairman at the end of the first semester, and Merle Levy became house chairman of Alspaugh. Lois Nichols graduated in January, 1944, and Marilyn Wasson became Bassett House chairman. Dorothy Stackhouse graduated in January, 1944, and Barbara Taeusch became Brown House chairman. Peggy Aeugle also graduated in January, 1944, and Ann McDermott became Giles House chairman. These girls who were in office such a short time have done an excellent job.

Adviser: Miss Mary Grace Wilson for 1943-'44 and for 1944-'45.

**Membership:**

Every student is automatically a member of COGS when she arrives on the campus. There is a COGS Committee composed of representatives from each dormitory and the Town Girls Club, and this serves as a medium through which the war organizations and students are brought together. This group acts as a recruiting group on the campus. The membership of this Committee is optional with the new chairman who appoints her committee each year.

The members of the Committee were:

Margaret Allard	Merthel Greenwell
Peggy Aeugle	Barbara Garrison
Kim Berkson	Carolyn Jones
Lucille Blue	Barbara Jeschke
Nancy Broadhurst	Weeks Kirkmeyer
Dottie Bunker	Sue Kearns
Dorothy Chorpening	Merle Levy
Elizabeth Coble	Barbara Luessenhop
Elsie Crone	Nina Musselman
Ann Davis	Guynell Murph
Irene Derrick	Betsy Medicott
Doris Dill	Ann McDermott
Margaret Elmore	Mary Louise Merritt

Betty Mead  
Sara McGill (Kenna)  
Lois Nichols  
Phyllis Osborne  
Elizabeth Prather  
Jeanne Price  
Phyllis Shuff  
Dorothy Stackhouse  
Barbara Stout  
Dorothy Sugg

Celia Thompson  
Joyce Thresher  
Ann Walker  
Zelda Samovitz  
Dora Zinner

Two freshman representatives elected in the fall were: Clarice Hall  
Mary Claire Lewis

Nancy Broadhurst, Irene Derrick, and Nina Musselman resigned from the Committee at the end of the first semester. The following girls graduated: Peggy Aeugle, Dorothy Bunker, Margaret Elmore, Weeks Girkmeyer, Lois Nichols, Phyllis Shuff, Dorothy Stackhouse, and Barbara Stout. Joyce Thresher also resigned from the Committee at the end of the first semester. The new girls that were selected to the Committee at the end of the first semester were: Ann Fouch, Augusta Cardo, Gloria Fletemeyer, Pat Hartz, June Kane, Anne Melin, Lucie Mae Oakes, Alice Smithers, Nancy Sour, Tommye Stanton, Barbara Tausch, Sandy Techlin, and Marilyn Wasson.

#### Purpose and Objectives:

COGS stands not only for the real name, College Organization for General Service, but also is significant of the college woman's place in the complicated machine of an "all-out-for-victory" campaign. The purpose of this organization is to be of service, to offer participation and cooperation in all war work and war organizations, and to stand on call for all activity in which college women can be of service. The aim of the organization is to encourage each student to feel it her personal responsibility to do something in the war effort. The purpose of the COGS Committee, which consists of representatives from each dormitory and the Town Girls Club, is to serve as a medium through which the war organizations and students are brought together, and to act as a recruiting group on the campus. We have wanted to organize the group more completely in providing written records of all meetings, having definite officers, and having an installation ceremony for the organization. We also wanted to secure the participation of every girl in some phase of COGS activity. We wanted to make our organization known to other colleges and wanted to make it a more integral part of campus life.

#### Accomplishments and Objectives:

Progress charts showing the number of individual hours of war work and other service work were placed in each dormitory and in the Town Girls' room. There has been participation in the following activities: Bandage rolling; alumnae office work; U.S.O.; Camp Butner dances, Episcopal dances; O. C. S. dances; community welfare work including Guardian Club, Edgemont Center, Wright's Refuge, Hospital work, Day nursery work, Girl Scouts; Red Cross knitting; Nurses' Aides; Air Raid staff; making posters for COGS; donating blood to Blood Bank; keeping Stamp Booth; keeping Stationery Night; Red Cross Drive; National War Fund Drive; Bandage rolling exhibition; O.P.A. work; Tuberculosis drive; magazine collections; textbook drive; old clothes drive; campus maintenance in the form of clean up the campus drive. There were "keys" to the charts in each of the houses so that one could tell the different phases of work that a girl had participated in; that is, red was for bandage rolling; blue, for U.S.O., Camp Butner dances, Episcopal dances, and O.C.S. dances. The actual figures on participation based on reports

from the first semester charts (Sept. 1943--January 31, 1944) were:

	<u>Total hours</u>	<u>Total No. Girls participating</u>
Under red -- bandage rolling	2915	504
Under yellow -- Alumni Office Work	578	97
Under blue -- U. S. O. Camp Butner dances Episcopal dances O. C. S. dances	3112	389
Under green -- Community Welfare work 1337 Guardian Club (sponsored by the Y Edgemont Center Wright's Refuge Hospital Work Day Nursery Work Girl Scouts		220
Under black -- Miscellaneous Blood Bank Donations Red Cross Knitting Nurses' Aide Air Raid Staff Making posters for COGS Keeping Stamp Booth Keeping Stationery Night Other Drives mentioned above O. P. A. work	3649	384

This year a Stamp Booth was started. It was open one night a week the first semester. At the beginning of the second semester, it was open two nights a week, and about a month and one-half ago it was decided to have the Booth open Mondays through Fridays. The COGS Stamp Booth had sold \$520.20 in War Stamps as of Friday, April 7, 1944.

A Stationery Night was installed in the Union two days a week. This booth had files of all Duke men in the service who were in the classes of 1944, 1945, and 1946. 321 letters had been mailed out by Friday, April 7, 1944.

This year a Red Cross Knitting Unit in the Bandage Room was set up. This was open on Fridays in the afternoon. Knitting that could be done included navy scarfs, navy sweaters, army sweaters, helmets, watch caps, and gloves. 187 finished garments have been turned in so far. There are still a great many articles to come in yet. The next knitting deadline is April 14. Some labels were made up with "COGS, Duke University" put on them. These have been sewed into the garments that have been made this year.

A COG of the Month feature was run in the Chronicle for the girl who had the most number of COG hours in at least three phases of COGS activity in the space of a month.

A letter was sent out from the News Office to about 150 colleges and universities about the organization here. Southern Methodist University has already started COGS. The University of Texas is in the process of organizing it. Letters have been received from Carnegie Tech and George Washington University

showing interest in the organization as it is set up here.

This year an attempt has been made to even more completely organize COGS. Definite officers have been set up and a record of all meetings of the COGS Committee is being kept. A meeting was held each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. in the Presidents' Club room. A beautiful scrapbook has been kept containing all publicity about COGS. An installation ceremony was planned which may be used in the future if the new chairman wishes.

Through participation in the Nurses' Aide classes a special class has been formed for Duke students only. Thirteen Duke students were capped as Nurses' Aides on February 23, 1944. There are twenty in the new class which started March 20.

Sixty girls earned COGS keys the first semester. The goal had been set for fifty-five hours. The goal this semester is sixty-five hours. Three girls earned the required number of hours for the second time, and they are to be placed on a COGS Honor Roll.

Elections for freshmen representatives to the COGS Committee were conducted in November. Four girls were run and two were to be chosen. A sheet was prepared to give to the freshmen showing all the various phases of COGS activities, and these were given to each freshman in one of their Assemblies. This showed them the persons to see for specific work that they might be interested in, and it also gave the "key" for marking the COGS charts in the dormitories.

A COGS Poster Contest was featured the second semester with a \$5.00 prize going to the winner.

**Commendations:**

The following girls should be commended for their excellent work and cooperation:

Peggy Aeugle	Clarice Hall, Fr. rep.
Merthel Greenwell	Mary Claire Lewis, Fr. Rep.
Barbara Jeschke	Nancy Broadhurst
Weeks Kirkmeyer	Ann Fouch
Barbara Luessenhop	Pat Hartz
Mary Louise Merritt	Lucille Blue
Betty Mead	Lucie Mae Oakes
Lois Nichols	Nancy Sour
Elizabeth Pather	Tommye Stanton
Jeanne Price	Barbara Taeusch
Dorothy Stackhouse	Sandy Techlin
Barbara Stout	Marilyn Wasson
Celia Thompson	Merle Levy
Joyce Thresher	June Kane
Zelda Samovitz	Doris Dill

All the girls who received COGS keys should also be recommended. See Special Honors.

**SPECIAL HONORS:**

COGS Honor Roll

COGS Keys

Betty Mead, Lucie Mae Oakes, Dorothy Charpening  
Alspaugh: Lucille Blue, Geneva Eldridge, Ruth Fike, Joy Grant, Teresa Heilman, Ruth McKelvie, Martha Yokeley  
Aycock: Jane Ammerman, Barbara Hermance, Jane Heyman, June Kane, Bobbie Mill, Mimi Mirick, Guynell Murph, Jeanne Price, Barbara Sachs  
Bassett: Janice Bell, Betty Lee Boren, Mary Geyer, Carolyn Gwaltney (tied for 3rd highest, 77 hours), Peggy Klotz, Anne Mellin, Elizabeth Pine, Nancy Sour (77 hrs.), Doreen Walker

Brown: Dodie Blennerhassett, Amy Franklin, Josie Gauchat, Barbara Jeschke, Pat Hanson, Mary Claire Lewis, Pat McGowan, Betty Metzner, Mary Ranger, Marea Yount

Giles: Peggy Aeugle, Gloria Fletemeyer, Judith Isley, Ann McDermott, Phyllis Osborne Whitten, Bobbie Ramsey, Harriet Rile, Tommie Stanton

Jarvis: Enola Cross, Virginia Brown, Velma Jayne Ritchey, Sandy Techlin, Alice Heygel

Pegram: Doris Dill, Clarice Hall, Barbara Main, Frances Parsons, Peggy Pierce, Ethelyn Smith

Town students: Virginia Carter (highest No. hours, 105), Marjorie Eaker, Evelyn Vandiver, Nancy Weinstein, Aetna K. Womble, Sybil Lawson (second highest No. hours, 102)

Summary of Treasurer's Report: (to be filled in later)

Total Income	\$ 259.34
Total Expenditures	<u>208.05</u>
Net Gain	\$ <u>51.29</u>

Recommendations:

We must continue to encourage every girl to realize that her participation in any war work or service work is vitally needed, and that it is her personal responsibility to see to it that she does something for COGS. I believe we had few slackers this year. I think that great emphasis should be placed on every student rolling at least one hour a week in bandage rolling--we never have had 100% cooperation in this phase of the work from the students, and it is so important.

I would like to recommend that a fee of 25¢ be placed on all Pay Day bills each year for COGS use. This organization is definitely not a money-making one, and this year we had to borrow \$75.00 from Student Government to function. Since the students pay money to student government of which we all are members, then as members of COGS, I believe that they should be willing to pay a small amount. I believe that by doing this COGS might increase the scope of their activities.

I would like to recommend also that the officers of COGS--including the house chairmen and town chairman--have executive meetings once or twice a month. With a smaller group, plans for COGS activities might be more thoroughly discussed.

I would like to recommend also that the membership of the COGS Committee be smaller this year--between 25 and 30. I believe that we have gotten along all right with 40 this year, but I think it would be better if there were fewer members.

I would like to recommend also that 8 or 12 points be given to the Vice Chairman and the Publicity director and 6 points for the other officers including the house chairmen. This is a matter that would have to be taken up with the President of Student Government along with the recommendation for the fee.

I suggest that elections for freshmen representatives to COGS Committee be held earlier next fall than was the case this year.

(Signed) Dorothy L. Chorpening, Chairman

(Signed) Mary Grace Wilson, Adviser