

Forbids discrimination

Country clubs react calmly to state bill

By MARY CONNELLY

Battle cries of discrimination against women in Lansing turned into whimpers, if not silence, by the time they reached area country clubs last week.

Although proposed state legislation would remove the "men only" shingle from private men's clubs and all-male country club grills, there was little reaction in area country clubs to the measure.

Introduced by Rep. Daisy Elliott

(D-Detroit) House Bill 4874 forbids discrimination on the basis of sex, marital status, race, religion, color, national origin or blindness in clubs which have a state license to sell food, liquor or provide other state-licensed services.

THE MEASURE was prompted by a concern that women be admitted into business and professional groups which traditionally have had all-male membership rosters.

But if passed, it could also affect bastions of male seclusion such as the

Detroit Athletic Club (DAC) and men's grills in country clubs.

Voted out of the House Committee on Constitutional Revision and Women's Rights, the bill was brought up on the House floor Thursday and sent back to committee. When it will return to the House floor is uncertain.

ACCORDING TO managers at area country clubs, neither men nor women members are particularly anxious to see the tradition of men-only grills disrupted.

Some managers said even if legisla-

tion became law, the tradition might still remain.

At the DAC, one of Detroit's most durable all-male clubs, executive manager Linda Mills said:

"Our status is wait and see. It's only gotten through part of the legislative process at this point. We don't have any plans to change policies from what we're presently doing. But if the thing becomes law, it becomes law and we'll conform to it."

THE DAC currently lists more than 200 women who hold associate membership in the club. The widows of male members, the women have all the privileges of membership except voting power in elections.

"There is nothing in the bylaws that prohibits anyone from applying for

membership in the DAC, including women," Mills said. "But a person needs two existing members to sponsor him, so I suppose that is the reason I've never seen an application from a lady."

Country club managers commented that women in the clubs have not requested admittance to men-only grills.

"I THINK the ladies who belong to the club here respect the rights of men," said Albert Sarfati, manager of Forest Lake Country Club, Bloomfield Hills.

Buzz Johnston, manager of Orchard Lake Country Club, said no woman had sought entrance to the men's grill in the history of the club.

But Johnston noted that women have used the all-male grill areas

when club turn-out has caused an overflow of traffic in the mixed grill.

AT PINE LAKE Country Club in Orchard Lake, an all-female haven could be affected by the legislation.

The club has a ladies' only lounge as well as men-only grill, both of which could fall under the legislative umbrella.

Not all area country clubs have cornered off all-male or all-female territories.

Bloomfield Hills, Pine Lake, Forest Lake, Oakland Hills, and Orchard Lake country clubs do have such facilities.

But at Birmingham and Franklin Hills country clubs, the fair and the not-so-fair, whether male or female, mingle at all the grills.

PEO Sisterhood here hosts college visitor



SANDRA NICHOLAS

PEO Sisterhood members in Wayne and Oakland counties are bringing to the area this week a representative of Cotley College, a two-year school for young women that PEO has owned and supported since 1927.

Mrs. Sandra Woods Nicholas of the development office for the liberal arts school at Nevada, Mo., will be guest of honor at a party scheduled Wednesday, March 13, in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 11 Mile and Middle Belt, Farmington.

Any young woman in the area who is interested in attending the college is invited to come to the reception with her parents. Cotley College alumnae in the area will serve as hostesses and help Mrs. Nicholas answer questions about the campus and curriculum.

Co-chairmen for the event are Betty McLaughlin of Livonia, representing the PEO in the Detroit area, and Sally Mattheuer of Farmington, Oakland County area chairman.

Also planned during Mrs. Nicholas' visit are workshops of the PEO Sisterhood Thursday, March 14. One of these will be held in the Farmington district library on 12 Mile at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Nicholas also plans to visit several area high schools to meet with counselors and talk with interested students.

Cotley College was founded in 1884 and has a student body of 350 young women from all sections of the United States as well as Canada, and several foreign countries.

Graduates transfer to four-year colleges or go to foreign nations to participate in the third year abroad program.

The PEO, operator of the college for nearly 50 years, is a philanthropic educational organization of more than 178,000 women in Canada and the U.S.

Mrs. Nicholas is a 1970 graduate of Cotley College and later attended the University of Manitoba, majoring in computer science. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority as well as the PEO Sisterhood.

Course examines women

The changing role of women in today's America will be examined in a course offered by Michigan State University (MSU) at Kingswood School, Cranbrook, Wednesday evenings, beginning April 3.

Arranged by Dr. Lawrence R. Krupka, director of MSU's Great Issues program, the course will meet from 7 to 10 p.m.

Members of MSU's faculty, both men and women, will teach the Great Issues course sponsored by MSU's University College and Continuing Education Service. The course, entitled "Women in Society," is open to men and women.

THE UNIVERSITY credit course

will explore historical and sociological perspectives on women's roles, women in literature, the biology and physiology of women, the evolving structure of marriage, career development and counseling women. It will also investigate the present and future trends for women in society.

The course, first presented in Traverse City during the fall term, is now being offered in response to special demand in Petoskey and at Cranbrook.

Information on fees, texts, topics and faculty may be obtained from the MSU Continuing Education Center, 855 Cranbrook Road, P.O. Box 827, Bloomfield Hills, 48103, 645-1303.

Farm and Garden meets March 11

The Birmingham branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will meet at noon Monday, (March 11), at the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

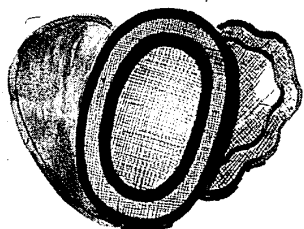
Conrad Kruzman of the Bingham Farms Environmental Center is the scheduled speaker at the sandwich luncheon.

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