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CO-EDS ON THE QUADRANGLE

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Architect Bernadine Johnston

One of the nicest people you can run into is Bernadine Johnston. This brown-eyed architect from Findlay has only one important pet peeve. She just hates people who come around and ask if you're going to get your design problem done. It is her contention that you either get it done (which is, to be sure, not saying how), or else you get no credit. She does not exactly love the juries which grade design problems, but considers them a more or less necessary evil. They

Bernadine Johnston



are all fine fellows, but it seems they are swayed in their judgments by what they had for breakfast, and certainly they never agree with what a person's critic likes.

Otherwise, it is rather difficult to find anything she doesn't like. The mechanics, the calculus, which make life so hard for most of us, she admits, she finds troublesome, but she likes them because they are useful. As to being excluded from activities the men engineers enjoy, she said only that she has always been treated with respect and deference, and that she does not think she missed much at the Roundup!

Bernadine feels that her interest in architecture comes from her mother's side. Her father is a pharmacist, but her mother is very much interested in architecture. As a result, Bernadine took a year and a half of drawing and two and a half of manual training in high school.

Her chief interest in architecture is in housing, and residential work in general. She has not committed herself to any particular school of ornament, and as a result, designs what she feels like.

Bernadine's most surprising characteristic, her versatility, is very remarkable. Besides being president of Zeta Tau Alpha, she was on the sorority's volleyball team, where she earned all-star honors while the team was winning the championship. She is a charter member of the Badminton Club, and occasionally plays tennis.

She likes to dance, and opines that the Big Apple was all right in its day, but that is past. Favorite foods are cherry pie, chocolate ice cream, asparagus tips, cauliflower, and carrots. And by the way, fellows, she has a steady, but he doesn't attend Ohio State. However, she has two sisters.