

ENGINEERING FOR WOMEN

While engineering still appears to be a male bastion, women are beginning to wake up to this profession's job opportun ities, says Dr. Nunzio J. Pallandino, dean of the College of Engineering at The Pennsylvania State University.

He offers some statistics to illustrate his point.

Since 1967, the enrollment of freshman women in engincering has risen from 0.4 to 7.6 percent at Penn State campuses, he reports. In 1967, only five women were enrolled in engineering at the University; in 1972, there were 13; and this year, the female freshman enrollment has jumped to 96. The number of freshmen women enrolled in engineering at the University Park Campus, for example, has jumped from 0.7 to 4.8 percent since 1967--- from two to 66 women.

"The fact that women currently comprise less than one percent of all U.S. engineers," says Dean Pallandino, "is probably due to a preconceived image of engineers which does not include women."

Dr. Pallandino thinks there's a misconception on the part of the general public that engineering jobs require more brawn than brain.

"The mental labor usually far outweighs any sort of physical exertion, and most engim neers work in offices, not at construction sites," says Dr. Palladino. Penn State is among various universities throughout the country which are inducing women to enter this formerly male oriented profession. Brochures on opportunities in engineering are sent to Pennsylvania high school juniors and seniors and to women who express interest in engineering. The University has also produced a series of radio and television spots on



what the engineering prefession has to offer women.

"But despite the fact that we're trying to encourage qualified women to accept the challenge of the engineering prefession," says Dr. Pallandino, "the College of Engineering does not maintain a double standard. Our women are treated the same as the men."

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tunity to pay a fond farewell to the following former mem-

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William Michael

of hats for winter term.

Dr. A.

I would like a new line

Nancy Meiser

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you.

Dear Santa,

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