

## She Offers To Fight



"I'm willing to fight in the next war," Odette A. Neuman '41 declared, after she had passed her CAA flying course at Bucknell Summer School. One of the few women in the nation to get her "wings," the college coed from Wilkes-Barre asserted that "since women are given equal rights, why shouldn't they have the same privilege in war?" Janet Twitchell '43 and Edith B. Sudam, Summer School students, are two coeds who completed their CAA training here.

## Financial Caution Forced By Draft Delays Adoption of Placement Bureau

### 'Trimming Our Sails,' Dr. Hetzel Reports

While the College ponders the effect of the draft, all expansions of program—notably the proposed student placement bureau—are being delayed, President Ralph D. Hetzel reported yesterday.

If the draft depletes Penn State enrollment it may place the College in cramped financial straits, Dr. Hetzel said. Rather than expand its program and then have to cut back, the College is "trimming its sails all along the line," he reported.

The student placement bureau was authorized by the Board of Trustees and was expected to be set up over the summer. War industries, Dr. Hetzel said, have already done away with some of the need for the bureau because increased industrial activity has made job finding no longer a problem.

Other points at which the College is marking time, Dr. Hetzel said, are in research increases and in proposed increases in the extension division.

As long as Congress continues its debate of the draft measure, the College can make no very definite estimate of its effect on Penn State enrollment.

Figures released two weeks ago by the American Council on Education, showed that a draft of 100,000 men, according to the national ratio, would not take more than 14 Penn State students.

Dr. Hetzel reported that last year 1,747 men out of the 4,770 enrolled at the College fell within the draft age limits of 21 to 31. Of these 832 were seniors, 473

were juniors, 308 were sophomores, and 134 were freshmen.

The American Council on Education report showed that the draft would take only 1 man in 120 within the age limit for every 100,000 called. The College ratio, it was shown, might be increased because few College men have dependents, few are engaged in essential industry, and few are subject to other exemptions. On the other hand, the report said, the ratio would be lowered if seniors or all students were exempted, as has been proposed.

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### Cabinet—Alumni Council To Hold Joint Gathering

Announcement of a joint All-College Cabinet-Alumni Council gathering to be held on Friday, September 20, at Harry's Valley Camp near Pine Grove Mills was made yesterday by Arnold C. Laich '41, All-College president.

Purpose of the gathering, according to Laich, is to help Cabinet members and Alumni Council members become better acquainted.

The first Cabinet meeting of the year, Laich announced, will be held in the Alumni Room, Old Main, at 9 p. m. on Tuesday, October 1.

He stated that the main item of business at the meeting will concern stop signs erected in the Locust Lane section of town last year at the request of the student body. Calling the streets in that section "speedways," Laich said that the attempt to regulate traffic has been unsuccessful and intimated that Cabinet may ask for removal of the signs.

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## Plans Progress For Inspection Of Town Rooms

With the Student Housing Program for inspection and classification of rooming houses submitted to President Ralph D. Hetzel last spring, definite plans will be made soon, according to Wilmer E. Kenworthy, executive secretary.

The Senate Committee on Student Welfare, headed by Dr. Warren B. Mack, met with President Hetzel this summer and discussed possible methods for an approved list of rooming houses, although no specified time was set for inspection to get underway.

Organized in January, 1939, the Student Housing Board sought to improve housing conditions and cement relationships between student and landlady.

By routine inspection and classification of houses, the Board believed a better housing situation would be established. This proposal was backed by the State College Student Housing Placement Bureau.

Some of the achievements of the Board during its short history are:

1. Encouragement of adoption of rooming contracts.
2. Urging of non-fraternity students to seek rooms which are co-incident with the sanitary standard proposed by the Board.
3. Asking potential fraternity pledges not to procure rooms which are rented on a semester basis.
4. Proposal of a system whereby all rooming houses will be inspected by College authorities who will publish an approved list distributed free to all students.

The Penn State Christian Association has released a list, available at its offices in Old Main, of rooms without any attempt to classify them in regard to any standard of minimum requirements.

This list includes rooms to be leased for the school year or others for possible fraternity pledges.

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## Collegian Begins Daily Publication Monday

Collegian's daily publication schedule will begin next Monday morning when it issues a special paper for the first day of registration.

Papers next week will appear five mornings, Monday through Friday, and from then on will appear Tuesday through Saturday. The publication schedule calls for 150 issues during the 1940-41 year.

## Enrollment Again Boosted By Frosh

Marking another year of uninterrupted progress since 1934, this year's enrollment will again break all Penn State records for the seventh time in seven years.

Penn State's new freshman class, the largest in the school's history, is expected to exceed the total enrollment of every institution of higher learning in the state except Lehigh, Carnegie Tech, Pitt, University of Pennsylvania, and Temple, Registrar William S. Hoffman announced today.

Larger than the combined freshman classes of any two schools in the state except Pitt and Penn, the class of '44, 1575 strong, is the largest freshman class in the state by at least 400.

Academically high, 794 of the freshmen graduated from high schools in the first fifth of their classes and 1250 of them were in the upper two-fifths.

For the first time, 30 freshman engineering students have been admitted to Mont Alto, previously reserved for forestry students.

The past six years have seen

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## For Better Housing



Dr. Warren B. Mack, head of the horticulture department, is chairman of the Senate Committee on Student Welfare, which submitted its housing inspection proposal to President Ralph D. Hetzel last spring. (For story, see column three.)

## Spotlight Hits '44 Coeds Tonight

Tonight's the night for 12 lucky freshman girls who last night were singled out of the opening mass meeting throng as likely candidates for queen of the freshman class.

Their names still a secret, the coeds, each sponsored by a brawny senior BMOC, will be introduced at the activities mass meeting in Schwab Auditorium at 8 p. m. by Arnie Laich, All-College president and master of ceremonies.

Selection of the queen will highlight The Daily Collegian subscription drive which gets underway this morning. The freshman queen will vie with two other coeds, a sorority queen and a dorm queen, for the title of 1940 Collegian Queen and the privilege of reigning at the Collegian Dance on Friday, October 11, which opens the winter social season.

The queens will be chosen in a battle of ballots waged by Collegian subscribers, each of whom will be allowed to cast one vote for either of the three queens.

In summary, this is the way the plan will work:

1. Each Collegian subscriber gets a ticket to the dance on October 11.
2. The subscriber takes this ticket to Student Union and casts one vote for his favorite candidate for queen. (His ticket will be punched as a precaution against stuffing the ballot box.)
3. Votes will be tabulated and three queens will be chosen: The highest freshman girl, the highest sorority girl, and the highest dorm girl.
4. Just before the Collegian dance, a committee of sharp-eyed faculty men will pick one of these three as Collegian queen.
5. All three of the queens will receive loving cups to be presented at the dance.

Beginning with next Monday's Collegian, daily reports of the progress of the balloting will appear in the paper. Reports will also be posted at the Corner Room and at Student Union.

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## Swanson Literary Talk Cancelled By Library

The freshman literary meeting at which Neil Swanson, author of "The Judas Tree," was scheduled to speak is cancelled due to the illness of Mr. Swanson, Willard P. Lewis, librarian, announced yesterday.

The meeting was to have been held next Monday. Movies and a talk by Prof. Robert E. Galbraith, of the English composition department were other scheduled features of the program.

## 47 Fraternities Start Pledging At 8 a.m. Today

EDITOR'S NOTE: A list of fraternity pledges will be carried daily in the Collegian beginning next Monday and continuing through Thursday. The Monday list will include all the pledges registered up to 9 p. m. Sunday and subsequent lists will include the pledges for each additional day until rushing season ends.

Official pledging of freshmen will begin at 8 a. m. today as the 47 fraternities start their seven-day campaign to pledge a record number of freshmen. No data were available as to the progress made by the fraternities since the official opening of the rushing season at 7 p. m. Tuesday but from all indications it appeared likely that the largest number of incoming students since 1936 will join fraternities before the close of the official rushing season at noon next Wednesday.

While he urged all freshmen who desire to join fraternities to do so within the next seven days, H. Edward Wagner '41, Interfraternity Council President, stated that they may accept bids throughout the entire College year.

In encouraging freshmen to join as soon as possible, Wagner pointed out the advantages of belonging to a fraternity from the very outset of a boy's college career. Early membership facilitated study habits and enabled freshmen to make friends as soon as possible, Wagner said.

Freshmen who know that they are going to become fraternity members were urged for the second time by the Interfraternity Council not to sign rooming contracts but to get rooms advertised for rushing season only.

The IFC rushing committee, of which Thomas Ainsworth '41 is chairman, will be at the Student Union desk in the Old Main Building to advise freshmen and answer any questions concerning rushing and pledging.

The new rushing code does not have as many restrictions as heretofore and permits immediate pledging instead of waiting until a certain period of time has elapsed. It also enables the freshmen to be guests in fraternity houses before pledging.

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## New Equipment Half Installed

Although equipping of the new buildings is only about half complete, according to Samuel K. Hostetter, assistant to the president in charge of business and finance, all buildings will be ready for use when classes start next Wednesday.

However, "conditions will not be crowded," Ray V. Watkins, scheduling officer, stated yesterday. He said that laboratory classes will suffer mostly from the lag in equipping.

Plans call for \$612,000 worth of equipment to be installed altogether. Materials yet to come are mainly of the movable type—desks, chairs, microscopes, and similar equipment.

Offices in the Liberal Arts Building have been occupied by the dean's staff, and the English composition, English literature, sociology, and other departments.

Books, magazines, and other contents of the Carnegie Library have been moved to the Central Library Building. The old tables and chairs are being used but will be replaced under the equipment program.

The 11 new buildings bring to a total of 13 the structures completed within the past two years. Those not financed by the GSA are Mary Beaver White Hall and Frances Atherton Hall.