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### We, The Women

#### Coeds Decide To Back War Relief Project As 1800 Men Students Register For Army

TODAY PENN STATE WOMEN take up the task of doing their part for the nation and the countries at war simultaneously with the registering of 1,800 of their male classmates in the first peacetime draft the country has seen. Eager to show the men that they are not alone in this sacrifice for freedom, coeds spontaneously set about to construct a project to alleviate suffering throughout the world.

As this column is being written, WSGA, Panhellenic Council, and women's dormitory presidents are cooperating to form a committee which will meet with the Red Cross, Friends' Service Committee, British War Relief Society and other groups. That organization will investigate a suitable project for the entire women's student body to carry out.

During the last war college women united with women throughout the country to knit sweaters, roll bandages, and devise other benefits for warring men.

Penn State is not the first college to recognize that its women are needed to prevent and appease suffering. Already on other campuses women are planning enterprising tasks of comforts for Europe's millions of destitute people. A campus forerunner in this help league is Barnard College in New York City.

We, the college women of our country, have been stunned to read of the horrible privations of the people in "Free France," and the bomb-stricken English citizens. We have been amazed and at the same time in doubt as to what we could do about the situation. We have been confused in believing that help coming from "just me" wouldn't reach a starving child. We have been told by some that Axis powers usurp any aid which may penetrate Europe's coastline from the Americas.

Here at college we cannot agree to adopt the children of Britain for the duration of the war as other of our sister Americans have found themselves in a position to do, but there are other ways we can make contributions felt while our men classmates cast confused glances at July 1 on the calendar.

Help to the allies has been temporarily blocked by the State Department, but when it resumes normally we should be prepared to offer what we can in the medium we are best equipped to give—money—to buy the much-needed food and surgical supplies. With men students wondering what is in store for them after today, we can no longer evade the fact that our help is needed—in any way we can give it.

Going without some of the luxuries we permit ourselves will give some starving family bread or bandage a wounded combatant's bleeding arm.

So as our men sign up for army service, let them know that Penn State women are solidly doing their part for the nation.

Any newspaper, magazine, moving picture, or radio announcer tells the horrible war story so that we have come to grasp the full significance of what is happening "over there." We know of the filth and the blood. And we know our aid is begged for.

Can we dare turn our faces away?

### War Relief Drive Planned By WSGA

Plans for a drive for funds to be turned over to authorized agencies for European relief are being made by WSGA Senate, Elinor L. Weaver '41, president, announced last night. Heading the project committee are Jean Babcock '42, town senator, and Mildred M. Taylor '42, junior senator.

A program to assist in the care of refugee British children adopted by the State College branch of the American Association of University Women early last summer and supported by WSGA officers was abandoned when the Department of State found it necessary to halt original plans for bringing refugee children to this country.

"We who are fortunate enough to be enjoying a college education and the many luxuries and gay times accompanying it should be willing to sacrifice some of our pleasures to make things better for those who now know true hardship," Miss Weaver stated.

"WSGA is making plans now for a drive for funds to be turned over to competent agencies for European relief," she continued. "We urge the cooperation of each and every one of you both in giving and in offering suggestions."

Miss Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women, has stated, "Through American Red Cross, Friends' Service Committee, and British War Relief Society, we can give the assurance that our funds will go directly to the aid of the needy, but we shall be open to suggestions on other channels for sending help."

"In order that there may be enlightened opinion in this matter," she continued, "we ask all to consult daily newspapers and current magazines and to ask advice of interested faculty members."

### DID YOU KNOW

that the highest recorded temperature in State College was 102° F and that the lowest temperature -20° F. The mean temperature for the year is 48.3° F.

**FROMM'S**

### Popp '44 Named Council Sub-head

Ruth Popp '44 was elected sub-chairman of WSGA Freshman Council and Janet Graham, secretary, at its meeting Monday night. Miss Popp automatically becomes one of the two freshman representatives on WSGA Judicial Committee. The other freshman member will be appointed by WSGA Senate.

Council members include freshman dormitory hall presidents and presidents of town dormitories and town women. They are Margot Blass, Eugenia Bundick, Florence Jaffy, Dorothy Jones, Betty Story, Jeanne Ward, Betty Rose Broderick, Alberta Spurdis, Dora Culver, Marcella Knauf, Jeanette Young, Dorothy Boring, Ruth Popp, Janet Graham, and Phyllis Garrison.

### Varsity Debate Tryouts Tonight In 103 H.E.

Upperclass women will try out for the varsity debate squad in Room 103, Home Economics Building, at 7:15 p. m. today, with five to seven-minute speeches on "Resolved, that the western hemisphere should form a permanent alliance or union for defense against foreign aggression."

Any upperclass women who did not attend last week's meeting and are interested in debating should contact Clayton H. Schug, assistant professor of public speaking, or Sara L. Bailey '43, women's debate manager.

### 18 Freshman Coeds Exchange Dinners

The largest of the new freshman exchange dinners was held last night when nine town women were hostesses to the same number of dormitory women at the home of Jane Kimick '43.

These dinners, planned by WSGA Freshman Council, are exchanges between local resident students and dormitory residents.



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