

## Service Board To Orientate 100 Transfers

WSGA Junior Service Board members will station coeds at Watts Hall to greet 100 transfer coeds as they arrive at the College in September, Mary Jo Powell, chairman, announced yesterday.

Transfers will be quartered in the former boys' dormitory, according to an announcement from Miss Nina M. Bentley, assistant to the Dean of Women. To help to orientate the new students, each Service Board member will act as an upperclass sponsor to a small group.

### WELCOMING CREW

Jane H. Murphy and Margaret K. Ramaley were appointed by the president to write letters of welcome and to supervise the welcoming crew at Watts Hall.

All coeds are invited to attend the transfer coffee hour to be sponsored by the Board in Atherton Hall at 6:45 p. m. Friday, September 11, Miss Powell stated.

Transfers will be introduced to campus leaders at a compulsory meeting in Sparks Building at 7 p. m. Tuesday, September 15.

Service Board members will be hostesses to freshman women in McAllister Hall and the Sandwich Shop at an Etiquette Dinner, Thursday, September 10 and will return to be guests the next Thursday, September 17. Committee members in charge of planning the dinners include Dorothy J. Jennings, Sally L. Hirshberg, and Lucille D. Weinstein.

Additional committees appointed by Miss Powell to aid orientation are social, Priscilla A. MacLellan, A. Jane Minnich, and Miss Weinstein; program, Miss Jennings, Miss Hirshberg, and F. Doris Stevenson; organization, Barbara J. Cooper, Mary E. Kuder, and Elaine L. Parke.

### REVISED POINT SYSTEM

By unanimous vote, Service Board decided to give the revised Point System a trial period of one semester. If at the end of that period it proves unsuccessful additional changes will be made.

As proposed by a special Point System investigation committee, coed activities will be tabulated through cooperation with campus organizations with which coeds are affiliated, rather than by direct contact with coeds themselves.

According to Miss Ramaley, committee chairman, organizations will be contacted at the end of the first month of each semester for a list of active coeds.

## Carruthers Wants More Big Sisters

H. Anne Carruthers '44, WSGA town senator, in charge of Big Sisters, announced last night that approximately 150 upperclass coeds were still needed to help in the traditional "sister" orientation.

Persons interested, and still without blanks for signing up, may indicate their desire to become Big Sisters at the dean of women's office, Miss Carruthers stated.

Because the largest number of entering coeds in College history are ready to enroll in the Fall semester, WSGA asks all upperclass women to aid.

## Sr. Sponsor Program Will Be Discussed

To discuss the benefits and deficiencies of the Senior Sponsor program, conferences will be held with Sponsors by Miss Charlotte E. Ray, dean of women, and Marjorie R. Chambers '43, chairman. Sponsored by Mortar Board, senior women's honor society, the orientation program will be supplemented according to the suggestions of the groups.

WSGA Freshman Council members dined in McAllister Hall at 6:30 p. m. yesterday.

## Former Coed Returns From War; Says China Is Place Of Adventure

By M. J. WINTER '44

"Any woman who likes adventure would enjoy life in China and India today," was the comment of Mrs. Emma Jane Foster Petach '37, who recently returned from a year in China as a nurse with the American Volunteer Group. "The male-female ratio is very favorable for the women too," she added.

Having spent a year in China as an exchange student at Lingnan University, Mrs. Petach, who had majored in political science at the College, switched to nursing, realizing that in that field she would most likely be able to return to China.

After studying at Yale University School of Nursing, Mrs. Petach was one of two woman nurses to join the AVG when it was organized in July, 1941. Landing at Rangoon, the group spent a time of preliminary training at Tongu. The rest of her stay was in Burma and China's interior.

Although air raid warnings were frequent, the former coed remarked that they had only one bombing and that one was over too quickly.

## We, The Women How About Some Action, Greeks?

Will there be rushing next semester or will it be deferred until January? Do the majority of sorority women and rushees prefer first-semester rushing? Does it interfere too much with orientation?

These, and similar questions, should be settled by Panhellenic Council in the immediate future.

Last year, when the new system was first proposed, Panhel called an open meeting to which each house sent active and pledge representatives. At that time, value of the meeting was questioned because many opinions were presented but no decisions reached.

After rushing actually started, wisdom of the preliminary action was seen. Because they had talked things over, women knew the reasons behind Panhel regulations.

Will 350 potential rushees scheduled to arrive within a few weeks, Panhel had better start to get matters straightened out. We suggest another open meeting.

Will it be necessary to have a Fall rushing season? Considering this Summer's small pledge class and the increased enrollment, the answer to that is probably, yes.

Will there be another period in January or will rushing be deferred for a semester or two? Thinking of the drain and waste of time, money, and energy, we clamor for rushing only every other semester.

All sorts of problems remain unsettled—ones which, even in normal times, took time and patience to solve.

If any sane conclusions are to be reached, sorority women, through their Panhellenic representatives, had better do some quick, clear thinking.

### Rides Wanted

RW — Chicago or nearby. Leave about August 28. Call Henry, 4255.

PW — Horseback riders, to leave stables rear of Glennland Pool to College Farms and vicinity. Phone Dave, 3951. 8tpd 14to25

RW — A ride to Philadelphia or vicinity for two fellows on Aug. 28. Leave anytime after 2 p. m. Call 4255 and ask for Pete. 3tch DH

PW — (4) To Meadville or vicinity. Leave Friday afternoon. Return Sunday evening. Call 4125. 12,13,14

RW — To York, leave Friday. Return Sunday. Call Alan 2700.

"It was over in just a second, with nine planes flying over. One bomb dropped near us, but that was all," the red-haired nurse said.

"We did not take care of men in the army," she stated. "It was the nurses' duty just to take care of the large group of AVG members. They were all Americans, of course—many of them from the South."

Conditions in Burma and China were "liveable," according to Mrs. Petach. The Burmese houses are straw, but in China they have wooden quarters. No chopsticks were necessary, for the AVG brought its food from America.

"The food got tiresome after a while. It was cooked by Chinese and lacked the American tang," she said. "We did use local vegetables and fruits, however."

The American group found the natives friendly, but Mrs. Petach prefers Americans. While at Lingnan University, she learned enough Cantonese to get by while shopping, and while in China with the AVG, Mrs. Petach learned about the same amount of mandarin.

Her husband lost his life with the Flying Tigers, two weeks before the organization was disbanded and taken over by the U.S. Army Air Corps. She is now at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Foster in State College for a rest, but she hopes to return to China.

While at Penn State Mrs. Petach was a member of Chi Omega fraternity, Cwens, sophomore women's honorary; and participated in the Glee Club, College Choir, and athletics.

## Army Calls All 'Skirts'

With 61 women students graduating from College at the end of this month, the United States Civil Service Commission is hinting at excellent opportunities for a variety of well-paying jobs that also aid in serving the country's war effort.

According to national reports, both the Army and the Navy are calling for women drafters and engineers of all kinds. A course in airplane drafting is being conducted by the School of Engineering right now to prepare students graduating in December for identical positions.

The Army and the Navy both pay women who are not fully qualified to accept such positions until they learn. The first woman radio engineer, Ann Porter, of Kennedy, Texas, has recently been appointed by the Signal Corps.

Announcing that the Engineers' Corps could use women architectural, chemical, civil, telephone, and telegraph engineers, Col. W. E. Lorence says that the entrance salary for the lowest professional grade is \$2,000 a year, while the top entrance salary equals \$8,000 a year. The range of salaries for engineering aides and draftsmen

Zeta Tau Alpha pledge officers elected Tuesday include Marilyn Tanner '46, president; Anne Marie Morehouse '46, vice-president; Kathleen Hays '45, secretary; Janet Dixon '46, treasurer; and Margaret Stahlnecker '46, social chairman.

### CLASSIFIED SECTION

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PW — To Johnstown or Greensburg or vicinity. Leave Friday 3:30 p. m. Ret. Sunday. Call Zabar, 2887. 2tchTK

## Stamps Net \$4.65 In Dormitory Sales

Results of last night's defense stamp sale in dormitories show a total of \$4.65. This amount brings the total since July 2 to \$56.50.

The sales are conducted by Mortar Board, national senior women's honor society, at 6:20 p. m. each Thursday.

Sellers last night included Seniors Lila A. Whoolery, in Atherton Hall, and Jacqueline S. Ballantyne, in McAllister Hall, Pauline Crossman, president, announced.

Next sale will be held Thursday when all members of the group will sell in the climaxing drive of the semester, Miss Crossman stated.

## IWA To Give Prizes At 'Prairie Prom'

(Continued from Page One) in 62 Atherton Hall. Women should also make application through me," Miss Magargal stated.

Aleda Snow '43 is in charge of the informal dance.

IWA was established on the campus last Fall as an organization for all independent women, comparable to the men's group, IMA. "Prairie Prom" is the first All-College dance sponsored by the organization, although smaller dances have been included in their social calendar in the past.

Plans for dancing classes for independent women are now underway, according to Miss Gassmann. Taught by members of the organization, beginners and more advanced dancers will learn jitterbug, smooth, and South American steps. Lessons will probably start before the end of the semester in Grange playroom.

## Obstacles Aid Trim Figures

Reducing machines have had their day; coeds who have over-indulged in ice cream this Summer should take to the great outdoors and follow the lead of the men.

Circling through the wooded section behind and beside Recreation Hall, the physical education department is in the process of construction an obstacle course to condition men for dug-out and barbed-wire drill for the rigors of Army life. Stretching for 175 yards, the course includes hurdles, horizontal ladders, a nine-foot wide ditch for broad-jumping, horizontal ropes, and a big V-shaped ladder—for Victory, no doubt.

Although the route will soon be used for regular physical work, coeds with an eye toward their figures might sneak up in free hours and try their hands and feet in a few healthy rounds.

Practicing frantically yesterday, Barney Plesser, BMOC, went through his paces. Although he took the hurdles and broadjumps in his stride, the lanky hurdler found difficulty in stooping under horizontal ropes that were built for smaller athletes. The V-shaped ladder caused him a little trouble, too, as he bumped down the rungs in great form.

Built mainly of rustic logs, the course is a strenuous one, according to those who know. If any coed does get in an athletic sort of mood, caution should be taken in attempting the more difficult maneuvers. Even all the men aren't in condition.

At least, visitors are always welcome at the course to watch the worker-outers go through their paces. Even the walk up to Rec Hall will help in reducing the waistline.

## Forensic Council Okays Managers

Forensic Council last night announced the approval of Robert S. McNabb '45 as manager of the men's varsity debate squad for the coming season to succeed John B. McCue '43, according to Samuel G. Fredman '43, president.

Freda I. Gerheim '44 was approved as manager of women's debate at the same time, Fredman said. Debate managers are nominated by the coaches, Joseph F. O'Brien for the men, and Clayton H. Schug for the women, with final approval by the Forensic Council.

Alpha Omicron Pi pledges will give a "goat" party for their sisters at the house at 2:30 p. m. Sunday.

Phi Mu pledged Betty Lou Dumire '46 yesterday.

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