



Ready or Not

## Collegian Custom: A Fond Farewell

By Marian Beatty

The Collegian custom of each outgoing editor's writing a last column is like most traditions. No one is quite sure when it began, but no one wants to ignore it, either.

It's a last opportunity for us to philosophize, to reminisce over changes on campus, both past and future, and to wonder if we have contributed to the University as much as we've taken from it.

For me, it's a time when I realize as never before that although we seniors will soon be graduating, Penn State will move along in just the same way that it always has. Whatever our accomplishments, our four years here have been pretty transitory. It's the University that is permanent.

Not that I'm raising the old hue and cry about being just a number, another face in the crowd. Penn Staters have more opportunity here than they may ever have again to be individuals, to develop as they please.

"Think for yourself," a parade of professors eight semesters long has been telling me. It takes a while to really understand that advice.

Nor am I unwilling to step aside to give my job to someone else. After four years as a Collegian staffer, I'm ready to turn in my typewriter. In fact, my memory is already beginning to dim, and I find myself remembering only the excitement and glitter, forgetting the many days of dull, hard work.

Having afternoons to myself will be a new luxury to become accustomed to. I'm beginning the acclimating process already. There's the usual noisy group right outside the open windows getting ready to leave for Whipple's. Guess I'll join them as soon as I'm done with this—I don't have much more to say.

Graduation is a peculiar thing. I've waited for it for four years, and now it's suddenly here, whether I want it to be or not. Commencement and everything that will come after it is going to come—and go—whether I'm ready or not...

Hey, kids! You don't have to wait any longer. I'm ready.



## Zepp Elected ICCB President

Donald Zepp, junior in chemical engineering from York, last night was elected president of the Inter-College Council Board.

Zepp, president of the Chemistry-Physics Student Council, defeated Robert LaBar, junior from Bangor and president of the Agriculture Student Council.

Eleanor Judy, junior in home economics from Cochranville and president of the Home Economics Student Council, was elected secretary, unopposed.

The board also defeated a motion to donate \$100 to the Chemistry-Physics Student Council to overcome some of a deficit from last year.

## Approved Fraternities

All fraternities have been approved for tonight and tomorrow night except Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha Psi and Phi Kappa Psi.

Pi Lambda Phi and Pi Sigma Upsilon have been approved for tomorrow night only.



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# Bethge Tells of Wartime Plots To Overthrow Nazi Dictator

By JEFF POLLACK

The Rev. Eberhard Bethge, speaking on the July 20, 1944, plot to assassinate Hitler, yesterday said the problem was not so much to kill Hitler as it was to be prepared to take over the government.

Bethge said this was all-important because of the need to convince the German people they had not been "stabbed in the back" as they believed they were after World War I.

Bethge, who visited campus yesterday, was a member of the resistance movement which made numerous and earlier attempts on the dictator's life.

The actual resistance group became organized as early as 1938. The organization came about when it became evident that Hitler intended to go to war, Bethge said.

The events leading to the attempt of July 20 began in 1943. Col. Grauff Stauffenberg, a member of the Nazi general staff, was to carry the bomb in a briefcase and place it at Hitler's feet. Providence was in the dictator's favor, Bethge said. All the meetings had been held in an underground bunker, but on that day it was

held in a wooden hut. The blast would have been much more effective, Bethge believes, in the bunker.

Many problems faced the resistance organization, Bethge said. The more successful the dictator and his armies were, the harder it would be to convince the people he was bad for Germany and make the assassination appear in the proper light.

It was the job of General Oster, second in command of Nazi intelligence, to gather information for use against Himmler, Goering and other Nazi leaders when the assassination was successful. The information, Bethge said, was actually stored in one of the intelligence service's safes until after the attempt of July 20, when it was discovered.

Hitler escaped two earlier at-

tempts on his life, Bethge said. One attempt was in 1941 when a bomb in his plane failed to explode and the second was in 1942 when the dictator arrived a half hour early for a speech and left before the bomb could be planted.

Bethge was imprisoned after the 1944 attempt, but his life was spared because 5000 resistance workers already had been killed.

## Donovan, Fuller Go To Union Conference

George L. Donovan, acting coordinator of student activities, and William Fuller, acting manager of the Hetzel Union Building, are attending the 35th annual conference of the Association of College Unions at Michigan State University.

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