Air Raid Set-Up at Institute Will Work Out But More Student Wardens, Helpers Needed

By Rosemary King

The Institute is getting under way in order to carry out its system of air raid precautions and civilian defense under Post Warden W. W. Mitts and Lieutenant-Commander P. H. Newton, who has charge of working out the details of the organization.

The Chemistry Building is a very good Air Raid Shelter in case of a real emergency, and each resident or student in the building is posted as to his actions in a blackout. Yables are ready to be put up in the second and third floor halls of the building, and complete blackout methods for the Institute are in operation so that students may study, read, or engage in any of the usual activities of a blackout.

More Wardens Needed

More Air Raid Wardens and students for training in first aid and fire fighting are needed. J. T. McGeary, head of the English department, has urged all junior and senior residents of the dormitories to answer the questionnaires that the students have received. And the air raid wardens are needed now to be posted as to the safety of the building in case of a real emergency.

Instructions to Be Printed

Detailed instructions will be printed and given to each student before the holiday season begins so that everyone properly can proceed to stay in case of an attack and be able to contact his Post Warden, Mr. Mitts.

Carolyn Wells Will Lead Episcopalian

TheCarthy Club has announced the results of the recent election conducted to select officers for the coming term of office. The new officers are: president, Carolyn Wells; vice-president, Betty Lambdin; secretary, Mrs. L. T. Cummins; treasurer, T. M. Hamond.

The next meeting will be held on January 15, 1943, and at that time new officers will be in

R. R. Wicks Will Deliver Rockwell Lectures Soon

The sixth annual series of Rockwell Lectures was delivered January 13, 14, and 15 in the Physics Amphitheater at 8:15 p.m. by Mr. Robert Russell Wicks, dean of the university chapel at Princeton University, who had been entertained recently by Archdeacon Levee's office.

The lectures, which depart from previous years to some extent, are usually held in March or early April, but the dates have been moved up in order that February could be reserved to present them. Additional arrangements will be made to accommodate the audience, and as the year progresses, more people will be expected to attend.

Mrs. Hargrove, who was working on the staff of the Thresher since its first issue almost a year ago, will have her last article to be worked on after the Thresher has been moved up in order that the Annals of the PALS, which is a special newsletter, will be published on time.

Anyone interested in working on the Thresher staff should report to the office of the south half of the Administration Building during the first week of school and be notified of the Christmas vacation. Many new workers will be needed, and anyone wishing to run for editor or business manager must have the proper experience qualifications.

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Avoid the walker of conflicting and confusing statements and semi-official opinion from Washington concerning the drafting or deferring of college students, one fact seems to be emerging as fairly clear: Those boys coming from now on who are not entitled to occupational deferments or below physical standards are in the service.

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While Keller was presented with the Bluejacket's Medal of Honor, it was clear that the effects of the recent actions of the Institute's students had not been forgotten. The fact that the ROTC units were not included in the draft, and that the PAL-E-E-L basketball game had ended in a defeat and determination, showed that the spirit and fervor shown by the citizens of the United States during the war bond-buying campaign was still strong.

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Pals Lead Girls' Basketball

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The PALS, usually a mild, easy-going group of girls, have shown they know their way around basketball court by taking their first three games without a loss. In an attempt to lead the girls' intramural basketball, PALS were the Owls, suffering only one setback, which was to the PALS last week. Tied for third position are the Reserves and the Owls with one win, one loss and tie, while the Girls' Club and the Independents are fighting for the cellar position with two losses and one tie each.

In last week's encounter, the Owls outed the ERLS in the last seconds of the game by a 20-18 count. Dorinda Hale and Grace Pinkston were the stars of the PALS' big show, while Marjorie Strong and Dorothy Jean Weighe were providing the firepower for the ERLS. The Girls' Club and the OWLS battled ended up in a 7-7 tie at the end of the regular playing time. Martha McCollum was the mainstay for the Girls' Club while Jean Strickler and Mellie Olivier were keeping the Owls in the game. The Reserves and Independent game was not played and each team was given credit for a tie.

The last week of play will be held by the holidays and the championship of the field determined. The PALS can win the title without a playoff; however, either team could win the last game, unless it is decided to have a round robin playoff.

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Ensign Tells Of WAVES Plan

Ensign Dickinson of the WAVES spoke at the regular meeting of the Girls' Club Thursday at Auntie Bassa's. She told of the purpose of the organization, its duties, and the requirements for admission.

The organization known colloquially as the WAVES is the Women's Appointive Volunteer Emergency Service, a branch of the navy. The WAVES, being based in the coast guard in the Semper Paratus (Always Ready) Auxiliary Reserve Service, more commonly, the SPARS. The purpose, duties, and requirements for these organizations are identical and therefore Ensign Dickinson treated them as one.

Their purpose is to replace men for active duty in the navy or coast guard, she said. In this way they offer an opportunity for women to serve their country in a way that among other things this worthy individual would be honored with the return of his price of admission, all except the tax.

The Knight Owls have been sequestered in the gala occasion and they have promised to whip up an assortment of jive and sweet stuff to appeal to everybody's taste. The officers' training class, a college degree or two years of college and two years business or professional experience is required for admission to this class. In addition to this requirement there are others concerning age, physical perfection and marital status.

The officers' training schools are located at Smith College, in Northampton, Mass., and at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. An applicant must have $60 a month base plus an allowance of $200 for uniforms and travel expenses. Members of the WAVES or SPARS have exactly the same status as men of equal rank in the navy or coast guard.

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The National Nursing Council for War Service has appointed an urgent need and the WAVES students to enter nursing schools to replace those nurses who are leaving to care for the army and navy. There have been far too few students who are completely prepared to leave the home front in the past few months, according to the movement, and therefore, to meet the quota set by the government to be filled this school year, fully 30,000 student nurses must enter mid-year classes. Next year's gap will be still larger, having been set at 60,000.

Those who are interested are advised to remain in college at present but to take a combination of courses leading to a bachelor's degree and a diploma in nursing.

Will Release Graduates

Student nurses will care for patients in civilian hospitals, thereby helping almost immediately to meet the need for personnel. Nursing experience will lead to a lifetime career, with opportunities for leadership and advancement open to the person who chooses this profession. After the war, those with a nursing diploma will especially be in demand. As for expenses, many free tuition scholarships are provided to approved schools by the Federal government. Other grants and loan funds are available, and for this reason, no qualified student should be barred from entering because of lack of experience.

The time required for preparation may be shortened for those with two or more completed college years.

Interested students should see Miss Dean or apply for more information by writing to Katherine Vaill, Chairman of the Committee on Recruitment of Student Nurses, 1700 Broadway, New York, N. Y., or by posting a paid advertisement in a newspaper. The number of nurses needed is large, and therefore, to meet the government's quota of 30,000 nurses, the students must advertise.

Our Community

For those interested in literature, the editors of Harbinger House, New York publishing firm, are now seeking manuscripts which are written or legibly handwritten, on any subject, that can be used as a basis for future publication. Those who are interested are advised to submit the manuscripts as early as possible to be considered. The deadline is January 30, 1943.

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