

# THE ALUMNÆ NEWS

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## PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

We need funds! Please send contributions to me promptly so that we can plan our work.

Our Alumnae Rooms will be used as a branch room of the American Red Cross as soon as arrangements are completed. If you can spare any definite time for Red Cross work, please write to me stating just what time you can give. We need workers.

Thanks for any help you give.

B. ELIZABETH KALLMAN,

Chairman,

Patriotic Service Committee.

102 West 85th Street.

## TO AMERICA FROM HUNTER

An ambulance or mobile unit, such as we sent to England last year.

You gave readily then, and quickly. How much more gladly now!

The cost will be about two thousand dollars, and the presentation is planned for February 14th, so send your contribution as soon as possible, please, to Hunter Alumnae Hall, 204 West 55th Street, making check payable to Associate Alumnae of Hunter College.

EMILIE O. LONG,

Sub-Chairman,

Patriotic Service Committee.

## COLLEGE NOTES

Staff and students have rolled up their sleeves and pitched in to make Hunter's effort in the National Defense a noteworthy one. When they are not getting first-aid training, selling defense stamps, or helping to entertain members of the armed forces, they are knitting socks, helmets, and sweaters in elevators, lunchrooms, and lounges.

President Shuster has appointed a Faculty National Defense Committee which has been working out with the Student National Defense Committee a three-part program for defense of the college building, academic aspects of defense, and community contact.

Student Emergency Squads will be formed in every class to assist in the care of physically handicapped students and to perform other duties during air-raids. Staff members have been assigned to air-raid warden posts, first-aid stations, and other patrol duties. Drills have already been held at both branches of the College.

The Park Avenue Building in case of an air attack will be used as a shelter by children from the Hunter Elementary School, the Lexington School for the Deaf, the New York Foundling Hospital, and P. S. 76. As one of the safest buildings in the city it has been placed on a 24-hour-day, 7-day-week schedule in its service to the community as a bomb shelter.

Detailed plans for the protection of the building have been made by Mr. John J. Fleischmann, chief custodial engineer and community air-raid warden. A helmeted, fire-fighting brigade of seven observers are constantly on the roof, prepared to combat fire caused by incendiary bombs. Pails containing sand and ashes have been placed on every floor of the bombshelter area.

To take the place of the elevator operators who will have charge of maintenance of water supply and repair of heating units as well as fire-fighting, are student volunteers. Seventy-five were asked to volunteer, but 165 responded to the request.

The academic values work of the committee will consist of introducing into the College defense courses and such other courses as would lead to a greater enlightenment in regard to the general war situation. Students and staff have signed up for a first-aid course planned for the Christmas vacation period. Red Cross courses in nurses' aid, first-aid, air-raid precautions, motor mechanics, radio coding, mobile canteen work, quantity cookery, and sewing will be given next semester, and, in addition, orientation courses dealing with basic and historical knowledge of war problems. Knitting classes have been formed by the Student Defense Committee, and wool for 700 sweaters has been distributed to experienced knitters.

The community contact plans include a city-wide student conference as well as dances for service men and organized recreational activities. Seventy-five service men have been invited through the New York Recreational Center to be the guests of an equal number of Hunter students at a Christmas dinner on December 23, and dances have been held by the Student Council for members of the various branches of the armed forces.

Students in the Evening Session are also engaged in fund-raising projects, expanded campaigns of tinfoil and aluminum collections. They are also collecting books and magazines to be sent to the camps and are organizing a "Give a Gift to a Soldier" drive. Red Cross courses are being planned, and air-raid warden volunteers are being placed at the disposal of the neighborhood police. Knitting rounds out the extensive program.

Members of the Evening Session Staff are volunteering for assignments similar to those of the Day Session.

"The responses of Hunter girls to the demand for participation in the country's defense efforts have been complete and unstinted," President Shuster declared. "Virtually all the leisure time of the girls will be used to do their part in serving their country."

CLAIRE GLASSBURG.