

Pitt Anxious To Compete In NCAA Play

By Jack Sell

Dr. H. C. Carlson and his Pitt basketball squad gathered in the Cathedral of Learning mess hall at noon yesterday to tender a farewell luncheon to Oland Canterna, brilliant freshman guard from Freeport who enters the army air corps next week. Before the affair was over, however, the cagers were whooping things up over the possibility that they may enter post-season play as District 2 representatives in the NCAA title tourney in Madison Square Garden on March 22.

Spark which started the commotion was the 31-point trouncing absorbed last Wednesday night in Gotham by Temple's Owls at the hands of New York University. The Philly five was the logical District 2 choice after the University of Pennsylvania had passed up the bid due to departure of key figures via service calls.

Owls' Wings Trimmed

When the Violets won by 85-54 the attractiveness of Temple in tourney play evaporated. NYU is a swell pick but it seems likely that Coach Howard Cann's proteges will prefer to appear in the Metropolitan tourney instead of the NCAA event. In that case, undefeated Rennselaer Poly remains in the running but with a tough problem against Canisius still on the horizon.

Whether Pitt will get the bid depends on the vote of the three-man committee, which Carlson heads. Other members are Lew Andreas, of Syracuse, and Nat Holman, of New York City College, who was confirmed yesterday to replace Howard Cann, of New York U., who had resigned.