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CCCO warns of dangers surrounding draft registration

The Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, the nation's largest draft counseling agency, warned this month that the start of draft registration has added to the increased likelihood of an actual draft.

Larry Spears, Director of CCCO's Youth and Conscientious Objection Campaign, says, "This past summer's draft registration of men born in 1960 and 1961 was just the first step toward returning to the draft. This coming January, Selective Service plans to register those men born in 1962. After January 5, men (and perhaps women) born in 1963 will be required to register as they turn 18. It should be noted that the U.S. has never had a registration without a draft, and rarely a draft without a war."

"The need for young people to be informed and to consider going on record as a conscientious objector to war has never been greater than it is this Fall," says Spears.

"The Superme Court's decision on Goldberg vs. Tarr, a sexdiscrimination case involving the draft and registration, will be

Highacres SUB lists activities

Dr. Michael Santulli was honored this year by being invited to teach at State College on a visiting professorship. When asked if this was ever done before, -Dr. Santulli replied, "This is the first case I've ever seen." There are exchange programs, but invitations by a specific college are rare. While in State College, he will be teaching Symbolic Logic, Ethics, and a graduate course in American Philosophy. During his stay at State College, Dr. Santulli hopes to work on his book on the philosophy of music.

Dr. Santulli, who during fall term at Highacres taught Philosophy, Humanities, and Arts, will be replaced by Mr. Campbell.

final this Winter," comments Spears. "It is especially important for women to realize that they could be ordered to register for the draft, and perhaps be drafted. They too must consider their position on war."

CCCO has sued Selective Service for their draft plans and learned that they plan to allow registrants to claim hardship, medical, and conscientious objector status only at the last possible moment after induction orders are issued.

"Unless students begin to think about, and collect evidence for. conscientious objection claims and other options, they are certain to be caught unprepared." says Spears.

"There is also growing sentiment within Congress to begin debate early next year on whether a peace-time draft

Dr. Santulli to go to University Park

Sue Nocchi, President of the **Highacres Student Union Board** (SUB), has announced plans for two major events to be held on campus during the upcoming months of November and December. Having completed a successful schedule of events during the month of October, SUB will now focus its attention on sponsoring Las Vegas Night on November 7 and Ted Steranko on Decmeber 8.

SUB will hold Las Vegas Night on the evening of November 7. A large variety of games and events are planned to allow everyone to try their luck or perfect their gambling skills.

SUB will be joined by the Residence Hall Council (RHC) in its sponsorship of a Ted Steranko performance on December 8. Two separate performances are scheduled for that day. The first show will be held in the Commons during the lunch break and there will be no admission fee for this performance. Steranko will per-

should be started," he says. "It is important for young people to realize that under the current draft law, all men between the ages of 18 and 26 are eligible to be drafted. Also, students should know that there is no longer a college student deferment under the new draft laws."

"Young Americans must start thinking about whether they could participate in the military." Spears states that CCCO has already registered over 20,000 young people through its conscientious objection card. "These cards are available, free of charge, from CCCO, P.O. Box 15796, Philadelphia, PA 19103. They simply state 'Because of my beliefs about war, I am opposed to participating in the military.""

'The usefulness of this card." says Spears, "is that it provides a record of an individual's opposition to war and the military. This CO card will help to demonstrate to the military that hundreds of thousands of young people will not serve in the military. Conscientious objectors, along with the large number of nonregistrants and the vocal antidraft movement may help to deter Congress from establishing a peace-time draft."

Students may register early

Official registration for the Winter Term is scheduled for December 1st. In the past, students who failed to register at this time registered late and paid an additional \$10.00. Although this procedure is still in effect, students may choose to participate in "Early Registration," if they meet all of the following requirements:

1. Students present a paid fee receipt for Winter Term.

2. No schedule changes are planned.

3. Any holds placed on registration have been dealt with prior to early registration.

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Quarterly economic roundup

The second quarter of this year brought some deterioration to the economy of Lackawanna and Luzerne counties; but compared with the area's performance in past recessions, its performance to date in this one has been exceptionally good.

Local industries expanded their job offerings between 1977 and 1979, and then maintained a relatively high level of jobs in 1979. By and large, the level was a bit better in the first half of that vear than in the second half; but by the end of the year the level had reached a new seasonally adjusted high point. This was maintained for a month or two in 1980, and then the level began to drop, as did activity in the Nation as a whole.

The important part of this report is that so far the level has not dropped very far. At the end of the first half year it was no lower than it had been about the third quarter of last year, which was very good indeed. The drop in 1980 has been nowhere nearly so sharp as it was in 1974, when the last recession was picking up steam.

Whereas total employment of area residents delayed some months in turning down during the last recession, the downturn for the Northeast Area this time coincided with that of the Nation.

Even the unemployment situation is not as agonizing as it has sometimes been in past recessions here. It has been gradually rising for about two years, partly because of expansion in the size of the labor force. While its behavior in the second quarter has been startling — up sharply in April and May and then down in June — this may be the effect of an imperfect estimating procedure. On the whole the unemployment level in the second quarter has not been all that bad.

For an area that has proved especially sensitive to national downturns, this behavior is somewhat unusual. A possible ex-

planation may lie in the fact that until recently certain industry sectors - such as steel and some of its products, construction, and apparel - have been much more in the doldrums than have other industries. This area may no longer be so dependent on these industries in comparison with others.

At any rate, so far the profile for this area looks more like that of other areas in Pennsylvania than it has for a long time.

It appears that Luzerne County has fared a little worse in manufacturing than has Lackawanna County. Luzerne had 18 percent fewer jobs during the second quarter than it had, on average, during 1972. Lackawanna County had 15 percent fewer than it did then.

On the other hand, Luzerne County factories are averaging a longer workweek - about one percent longer - than they did in the year of comparison. Lackawanna's average factory workweek is down about six percent. Local industries in Lackawanna County are supplying now, as they did a year ago. iust about as many jobs as they had in 1972. Luzerne County industries, in contrast, are supplying about four percent more jobs than in 1972, although a year ago they were supplying even more about eight percent more than in 1972.

The size of the labor force in each county is larger now than a year ago.

In both areas the job contributions of nonmanufacturing industries have begun to weaken. Presumably there will be more sag in both the major industrial counties of the area in response to national conditions, but so far so good.

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