

With the Editor—

About Conscription And The Process Of Pennsylvania Registration

For the purpose of the record, it is well to set down somewhere—and here seems like the best place—the process of registration for conscription in Pennsylvania.

College students will be deferred—on request—until the end of the academic year but all between the ages of 21 and 36 must register, the only exceptions being advanced ROTC students.

The step by step process, as reported last week by the Associated Press, follows:

1. Appointment by President Roosevelt, upon recommendation of Governor James of 420 local draft boards and seven regional appeal boards.
2. A special date is set when every man between the ages specified in the conscription bill must register at his local election district.
3. The chief registrar in each of the 80,690 voting precincts turns the registration cards over to the county commissioners, who send the cards to the local draft boards in each area.
4. A local draft board is appointed for each 30,000 population in an area, including three voting members, one examining physician, and one government appeal agent.
5. The local boards take the registration cards of 20 to 30 election districts, up to 3,000 cards, shuffle them, and assign serial numbers ranging from 1 to 3,000 for each name.
6. The lists are compiled and posted in each election district, and copies sent to the governor and the federal government.
7. The federal government determines the order in which each bracket of serial numbers shall be called to military service, through a lottery drawing.
8. Those whose serial numbers are called in the 'first draft' are furnished with questionnaires, which they must fill out and return to their local draft boards, listing their occupations, family income, dependents, education, etc.
9. The local boards determine who shall be called into the federal service from these questionnaires.
10. Those who are rejected at first because they have dependants, are physically unfit, or are retained in private industry, are placed on a "deferred" list, and may be called later if they are needed to fill the quota.
11. Those who are called in the first draft, and are not eliminated through exemption or appeal, must report on a date set for the training period to begin at a state-wide "reception center," probably at Harrisburg, Indiantown Gap, or New Cumberland.

The Gettysburgian of Gettysburg College relates the story of the wrestling coach who patiently tried to explain the fundamentals of the grunt and groan art to his only mildly interested pupils. None seemed to understand, and the light of learning burned low. Finally in sheer deperation he wrote in bold white letters across the gym ceiling: "If you can read this you're in the wrong position."

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LION TALES

Columns, columns, columns, the Collegian is full of columns. It seems that everybody and his uncle have taken a crack at writing a column. I'm no exception, but if you can take it so can I for what fool doesn't grab at the chance to forget his inhibitions and give—on paper. All of which reminds me of the slogan of a one-jerk Missouri newspaper gone blotto years ago. "He who bloweth not his own bazoo, the same shall not be blown." The paper if you're interested was the Sedalia Bazoo.

To get back to the point and turn tattler on the local has-beens, have you heard that . . . Peg DeSilver, aopi, will marry Jack Hirsh, sigma chi, on October 5 . . . Al Simpson, theta xi, and Gertie Cronan, dg; Ann McCracken, alfachio, and Vern Smith, pika; Betty Miller of Harrisburg and Bill Andrews, phi kappa tau; Mae Weigner, alfachio, and Bob Cleves, lambda chi alpha . . . Doris Bailey is the lucky girl who'll marry Warren Elliott, and September 28 is the big day . . . Howie Anderson is a proud papa but no one seems to know whether it's a boy or girl . . . Sammy Gallu, you'll remember him as King Hot Dog, is beating it out with Fred Waring's glee club at the Aquacade at the Fair . . . The cdt has added Bob Wilson and Pat Braun to its staff—that makes at least two journalism graduates that got jobs.

Bill Diely, pride of the Delta Sigma Phis, laid an egg last week! No fooling. He was showing a freshman the game room when the rushee asked where the bathroom was. Bill, thinking the fellow had asked about a badminton court, answered brightly "Oh, we used to have one out on the front lawn but it was too hard on the grass."

And then there were the two Pi Kappa Phis who were invited to go through the SAE house when one of the brothers saw them standing at the corner of Beaver and Pugh. They went.

Peggy Herman Harlan's family is being well taken care of by the Sigma Nus. They pledged her brother and Dana Chalfont and Rod Sachs flipped for the chance to take her sister-out. Rod won. We understand that Rod was oh so thrilled when he received a letter from his last year's flame, Bev. Wilson. She is living in California now and thoughtfully remembered to send Rod her telephone number.

ALL I'S

Glad to see that the campus big-wigs who are sponsoring freshman beauty queens have taken such a keen interest in their work . . . understand from several of the women on the staff that professor Baldanza is back—what does he have that the rest of us—oh, well, let's skip that . . . wish something could be done about lights going out in the middle of a meal, half the college was eating by matchlight Sunday night . . . have been asked to appeal to the freshman in Women's Building who was singing hymns at 7 o'clock Sunday morning—you know young lady that it would be more appreciated in church or chapel . . . sorry to hear that Bill Hubler, Ed Hall, Peg McIlray, Bev Wilson and the Seeds girls aren't going to be here this year . . . that's the best I can go for now . . . I'll see you at the Thespian show tonight, that is all of you except the freshmen—there won't be room for them after the upperclassmen get all the best seats.

"So long as the state pays the expense of junior college education at the state university or the state teachers college, there is every reason why it should also participate in the expense of local public junior college which operate on the same level." Dr. George F. Zook, president of the American Council on Education, thumps for state support of junior colleges.

"I hope you never belong to Youth with a capital 'Y'. You ought not to be marked off as a special pressure group because of your age, just as women shouldn't be marked off because of their sex. You are not a special class, but citizens." Mrs. Robert Taft, wife of the G.O.P. presidential hopeful, told University of Minnesota collegians the place they ought to assume in national affairs.

"The academic year 1939-40 will be marked in the future as the turning point in engineering education in the United States—a turning point away from specialization on technological subject-matter in the basic four-year programs and toward the inclusion of an integrated stem of social-humanistic studies which will tend to make the engineers of tomorrow a more rounded man and citizen." Columbia University's Dean Joseph W. Barker points to a great growth in engineering curricula revision begun this year in many institutions.

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Notice to students in Chem. 52, Sections A and B: Have \$10 breakage ticket, obtainable at Bursar's Office, at first scheduled laboratory period.

Campus Center Club Mixer for center transfers, Old Main Sandwich Shop, 8 p.m.

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