

Viewing The Draft

Editor's Note:—This is the first of several articles relative to the college student's role in the draft written especially for Collegian readers by a member of the staff who has been covering draft developments since last August.

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Although the relation of the draft to college students was apparently settled when the Selective Training and Service Act was passed last fall recent developments in Washington have led many observers to predict that the 77th Congress may reopen the question.

At present college students may, upon request, have their military training deferred until July 1, 1941. But what will happen next year? That's the question which has been bothering prominent educators and legislators who find in selective service a threat to the smooth functioning of the American educational system.

With the first hint of conscription last summer, proponents of leniency for students sought ways to lighten the military burden on college men. These early efforts were necessarily hastened and ill-organized. For that reason they failed to do all that was hoped for. But being prepared for the new Congress are bills which run the scale from deferment of students in only a few essential curricula to the substitution of ROTC or summer training for a year in the Regular Army.

One bill in particular is reported to be gaining increased support among legislators. This proposed change in the draft would allow all college students to defer training until they are graduated.

The bill is backed mainly by the smaller colleges and universities which feel that the draft as it is now operating will seriously affect their enrollment. The larger institutions (including Penn State and all other land grant universities) have not given their support. However, they are not actively opposing it but rather maintaining a neutral position.

The chief objection to the plan has been outlined for The Daily Collegian by C. F. Klinefelter, assistant to the commissioner, U. S. Office of Education, who says: "It was very early determined . . . that it would be extremely unwise to ask for deferment of college students as a group as this would tend to create an artificial class distinction that would be entirely abhorrent to our American system . . . and contrary to the express terms of the Act."

This position has been strengthened by Francis J. Brown of the American Council on Education. He says: "Such legislation is unwise and will create extremely adverse public opinion toward colleges and universities and their students."

The Subcommittee on Military Affairs of the National Committee on Education and Defense adopted, on October 30, a resolution which approves the principle of the Act. However, the Subcommittee intentionally inserted a loophole in its resolution by reserving final judgment "pending further information and future developments."

As it now stands there is a chance that the 1,554 Penn State men and thousands of other college students all over the country who registered last October 16 may be allowed to complete their education before shouldering guns for Uncle Sam. A concerted effort is being made but the solution to the problem rests with time and the 77th Congress of the United States.

New girls' dormitories are being opened this month by the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Artists' Course Patrons To Vote On New Plan

Has New Plan



Dr. Wheeler P. Davey, above, member of the Artists' Course committee, proposes that tickets be sold by mail in April for the next Artists' series. His plan, in addition to others, will be submitted to the audience during intermission of Tuesday's program.

Mail Sales Innovation Proposed By Davey

Opportunity to express their preferences regarding methods of ticket sales will be given patrons of the Artists' Course during intermission at the Jascha Heifetz number next Tuesday, Dr. Carl E. Marquardt, committee chairman, said last night.

A summary of the advantages and disadvantages of several proposed plans will precede the survey. Among those under consideration will be a new system advanced by Dr. Wheeler P. Davey, a member of the committee.

Under Dr. Davey's plan the Auditorium would first be divided into blocks of about 25 seats each, with alternate rows reserved for students as at present. Seating diagrams showing these blocks and their prices would be made available with application blanks.

He suggests that then, an advance sale be conducted by mail in the April of each year for the Artists' Course of the next season.

"Each patron (student, faculty or towns person) would indicate on his order blank his first, second, third, and fourth choices of the blocks . . . and would enclose his check to cover the purchase price," Dr. Davey explained.

"The advance sale would have to be held before the details of the program are known, but it is to be assumed that the present high standard would be maintained. There would be no limit of seats sold to a purchaser.

"All tickets not sold in advance, and this probably means the majority of the tickets, would be put on sale in the fall."

This proposal retains the present system of standing in line with tickets restricted to three per person for those who prefer this method, but provides the additional possibility of ordering seats by mail for the following year, Dr. Davey pointed out.

In addition to Dr. Davey's suggestion, subscribers to the Course will be asked Tuesday night to also consider the advantages of a lottery.

Undergraduate Chairmen Sacks '41 Goes To Movie Capitol



WILLIAM BARTHOLOMEW '41



ELINOR L. WEAVER '41

"Mr. Bartholomew and Miss Weaver last night were named co-chairmen of the Alumni Association's first student membership drive which will be conducted in late April, tentatively April 21 to 26. A full story appears on page one.

Engineer To Speak

Robert Hall Craig, Harrisburg, consulting engineer, will speak concerning "The Engineer and Public Affairs" at the senior engineering lecture in Room 110 Electrical Engineering at 4:10 p. m. Friday.

From collegiate dramatics to Hollywood success may be a Horatio Alger situation, but Jacob Sacks '41 is on the verge of gaining recognition in the "Cinema Capital."

Sacks was plucked from Penn State by Edward Young, talent scout, when he submitted a play, still without a title, to Young who was in the East attending a dramatics convention. It will be performed by the Hollywood Theatre Alliance, a guild which stars prominent screen actors.

The play, which is centered around a Molly Maguire group of thugs participating in a coal mine dispute, was written for a class in playwriting. Cloetingh suggested to Sacks that he try to find a buyer for his play.

Following a call from Hollywood which asked him to come out there to revise and help direct his production, Sacks recently left for the film center without completing his college course, which would have been terminated at mid-year graduation.

Sacks is the third Penn State graduate who has "gone Hollywood." The Epstein twins, Ralph and Philip, have established a reputation for their Lane Sisters series.

Sand Bags, Flags To Form Motive For 'Mil' Ball

It will be amid machine guns, sand bags and flags, that "Mil Ballers" will dance to Gray Gordon and his Band at 9 p. m. Friday night in Rec Hall's first formal dance of the semester.

All ROTC officers will be in uniform, and at the intermission, the juniors will make a ceremonial sabre arch through which all the senior officers and their "dates" will march.

Gray Gordon, who will come to "Mill" Ball direct from the Lyric Theatre in Indianapolis, Ind., is the biggest "name" band ever signed for the annual ROTC affair, according to Cadet Col. Thomas G. Tousey, chairman of the dance.

Rutgers (N.J.) University men defeated a New Jersey College for Women team in a cooking contest.

PSCA Plans Two Conference Trips

High-lighted by conferences at Hershey, and Washington, D. C., PSCA activities will get off to a new start this week, following a let-down necessitated by mid-term finals and vacation.

Tomorrow and Friday, a student delegation will attend a citizenship conference in Washington, D. C., where an opportunity will be given to attend sessions of Congress and committee meetings. Arrangements can be made to accommodate eight or 10 students at an estimated cost of six dollars per person.

The international relations conference at Hershey, sponsored by the American Friends Service committee, will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Arrangements may be made for approximately 10 students.

Interested students have been asked to call at the PSCA office before noon today.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Cartoonist Will Speak At LA Faculty Banquet

Cy Hungerford, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette cartoonist, will speak at the Liberal Arts Faculty Banquet on February 17, Louis H. Bell, assistant professor of journalism, announced last night.

All Liberal Arts faculty members, their wives or husbands, and all office employees have been invited to attend the banquet which will be held in the Nittany Lion Inn at 7 p. m.

Reservations must be made by 4 p. m. February 13. They are available at Student Union, from Professor Bell or from Mrs. Ormelle H. Stecker, assistant professor of mathematics. Tickets are priced at one dollar and dress will be informal.

Cornell Offers Several Engineering Scholarships

Several scholarships and fellowships are being offered this spring by Cornell University's Engineering Graduate School. Engineering graduates desiring to become candidates for advanced degrees in engineering should get applications from Harry P. Hammond, Dean of the Engineering School, at once.

Among those fellowships offered will be 15 John McMullen Graduate Scholarships valued at \$900 a year. Several others from \$200 to \$500, will be given in various branches of engineering.

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