

Colleges Told Deferment Is Their Job

WASHINGTON, March 27—(IWP)—The American Council on Education told college and university presidents throughout the country today that it is their definite responsibility to request occupational deferment for students who are "potentially necessary men in preparation for an occupation essential to the national health, safety, or interest," even though students do not themselves ask for deferment from selective service.

Last week's "policy letter" from national draft headquarters, the Council said, carries "definite implications" for college and university officials.

"For the college to request the occupational deferment of every student, even in fields such as medicine and chemistry, would violate the fundamental legal provision of prohibiting group deferments. If the colleges and universities are to be of genuine assistance to local boards, they must be willing to refuse to make such requests for students who are not potentially necessary men," the Council warned.

The educational association urged colleges to acquaint students with the letter sent last week to all local draft boards calling for the occupational deferment of students "in training or preparation" for occupations important to national health and safety. College administrators should "take the initiative," the Council declared, in asking deferment for potentially necessary students who fail to request occupational deferment.

"The fact that no fields essential to the national health, safety, or interest are named provides a broader interpretation than if a few fields had been listed," the letter to presidents continued. "There are undoubtedly some students in every field who possess such qualities that they are potentially 'necessary men.' This very fact makes even more essential a careful appraisal of each individual student subject to selective service."

2-Hour Classes Banned In Basic ROTC Next Year; Twichell, Fries To Leave

Basic ROTC students will not have to attend two-hour classes next year as has been necessary according to plans of the Military department released yesterday.

To make shorter and smaller classes possible, ROTC classes will be scheduled Monday through Friday making an extra day, since classes have never been held on Friday before. However the advanced sections will continue to employ the two-hour periods.

Orders have come through from Third Corps Headquarters transferring Maj. Heath Twichell to Ft. Snelling, Minn. effective in June. Capt. Frank E. Fries has been ordered to Westover Field, Mass., also in June.

The following Reserve Officers will remain here next year: Lieut. Jack H. Weske, Capt. Laverne K. Shiffer, Lieut. Charles E. Prosser, Lieut. Stephen B. Gilliard, Lieut. P. W. Riddleberger, Capt. Arno P. Mowitz, and Capt. Walter A. Baer.

To Attend 4-H Camp

Miss Martha E. Leighton, assistant professor of agricultural extension, and Prof. Allen L. Baker, department of agricultural extension, will accompany the 1941 Pennsylvania 4-H Club delegates to the 15th annual national 4-H Club camp in Washington, D. C., June 18-25.

Directs Songsters



Director Richard W. Grant, professor of music, will conduct the Penn State Glee Club Monday night in a repeat performance of the concert held March 16.

Seniors To Name Class Honor Men

A meeting of senior men in Home Economics Auditorium at 7 p. m. Monday to choose the five class honor men has been called by Adam A. Smyser '41, class donor.

Smyser was appointed by William B. Bartholomew '41, class president, earlier in the week.

The honor men to be chosen by a vote of the seniors present are Spoon Man, Barrel Man, Pipe Orator, and Cane Man. The Class Donor completes the five.

The men chosen will receive their tokens and speak at the Class Day exercises during Commencement Week.

Noted Cellist To Play At Hillel Monday Night

David Zacharin, Palestinian cellist, will be presented in by a concert by the Hillel Foundation at 8 p. m. Monday.

Mr. Zacharin is the director of the Tel Aviv Academy of Music in Tel Aviv, Palestine, and former director of the Paris Conservatory of Music.

The noted cellist has given concerts in Rome, Paris, London, and North Africa. His program will consist of Jewish music, much of which is his own composition.

Mr. Zacharin's piano accompanist is J. D. Jacobson, former chief conductor in the National Opera in Recca, Lithuania.

Theta Sigma Phi, women's professional journalism honorary, will initiate 12 pledges in 412 Old Main at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Glee Club Gives Repeat Concert Monday Night

Brown, Burrage, Teare Perform As Soloists

When the Penn State Glee Club presents its repeat concert in Schwab Auditorium at 8:15 p. m. Monday, the program will be the same as that of the March 16 performance except for two changes, Director Richard W. Grant has announced.

Edith Burrage '41 will sing two soprano solos. Her selections will be "Girls of Cadiz" by Delibes, and "The Answer" by Terry.

De Falla's "Ritual Fire Dance" will be played by the piano duo of Paul Teare '43 and Betty M. Brown '41, in place of Andrew Szekely's piano solo.

Students, faculty members, and townspeople are invited to the complimentary concert. Tickets will not be required for admission.

The glee club will sing two groups of numbers, including Bach's "Alleluia," two spirituals, two sea chanteys, "This Is My Country" by Jacobs, and Ganne's "Carnival."

Two groups of selected numbers will be given by the Varsity Male Quartette and the Hy-Los will present three songs in their unique harmony.

College songs of Dartmouth, New York University, Amherst, and Penn State will conclude the concert.

Rev. Roy McCorkle To Appear On Campus For Religious Confabs

Rev. Roy McCorkle, secretary of the Inter-Seminary Movement, will appear on campus for one week, starting Monday, to meet with various religious groups for conferences arranged by the PSCA.

Rev. McCorkle is a graduate of Wooster and Yale Universities and has taught at Ewing Christian College in India during 1933-34. He has traveled extensively in Europe and India.

The subjects of his conferences, both group and personal interviews, will be: "The Relation of Religion and Democracy, International Relations, Economic Order, Is There A Purpose In Life, Effective Ways of Working for Peace, In What Way Can the Church Serve Best, and Religion and Labor."

Students and faculty may apply at the PSCA offices, Room 304 Old Main, for interviews.

Two former Penn State boxing champions are now boxing coaches at other colleges. Allie Wolff now coaches at Cornell, and Mike Ronman coaches at the University of North Carolina.

The Draft

Local Boards Often Disagree

By JOHN A. BAER

One cause of uneasiness among students who expect to receive new draft classifications in June is the wide variance in decisions of local draft boards.

This variance can be shown very readily by the following example. Two roommates, juniors in the same eastern medical college, were classified by different draft boards. Although they were practically of equal ability, one was given II-A status (occupational deferment) and permitted to continue his education.

The other was classified as I-D (blanket student deferment) which forces him to report for service at the end of the current scholastic year.

Although the inconsistency of classifications is a grave problem, it is a natural consequence of the way in which local draft boards work. They have full authority. They are not bound by strict rules from Washington but merely by general suggestions which often do not apply to individual cases.

An attempt is being made to correct this but there are approximately 6,500 local boards and any change in the draft machinery takes time. However, definite policies are being set up as fast as possible.

The American Council on Education through the Subcommittee on Military Affairs is helping in this work by taking a national survey of decisions affecting college students. Incomplete results show that it may be wise for Selective Service officials to take one of two courses:

1. The first alternative would be for officials to issue definite regulations governing deferment of men in essential occupations or students who are preparing for those occupations. This would be the more simple method for it would require no changes in the Selective Service Act, only a different interpretation of the existing law.

2. The second course would be for Congress to enact new legislation requiring deferment of "essentially employed" persons. This, Congress is reluctant to do because it would probably start a hundred unnecessary deferment bills rolling up Capitol Hill.

In either case, there should be a satisfactory solution of the problem of student deferments.

7 IF Teams Enter Sing Tomorrow

Competing for the Interfraternity sing trophy Sunday afternoon after the symphony concert in Schwab Auditorium will be seven fraternity groups of 16 vocalists each, and there have also been four fraternities entered to sing "The Hills of Old Penn State" in a separate contest being sponsored by Fred Waring.

The IF sing entries of which three will be chosen Sunday to sing in the finals at IF Ball intermission April 4, are Alpha Kappa Pi, Alpha Gamma Rho, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Fred Waring is offering a separate trophy to the fraternity judged best in singing "The Hills of Old Penn State." The winning group will sing this song also at IF Ball. Those fraternities entered are: Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Sigma Kappa, and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Teaching Group Plans Chapter On Campus

Plans for the organization of a campus chapter of the Future Teachers of America will be discussed by Dr. James H. Moyer of the School of Education in Room 121 Sparks Building at 7 p. m. Tuesday.

Students especially invited include those preparing to teach in the Schools of Education, Agriculture, and Physical Education and Athletics.

Included on the program will be an address by Dean Marion R. Trabue of the School of Education, "The Place of the FTA at Penn State." Functions of the organization will be explained by Dr. Moyer and by Dr. Lloyd M. Jones of the School of Physical Education and Athletics.

Thespian Show Tickets Placed On Sale Tuesday

Tickets for "The Joint's Jumpin'", Thespians' Spring show to be given on April 4 and 5 in Schwab Auditorium, will be placed on sale at the Student Union office in Old Main starting Tuesday.

All seats are general admission. Tickets for the Friday performance are 50 cents, those for the Saturday show 75 cents. Fraternities or other organizations wishing to purchase 30 or more tickets may reserve a block of seats anywhere in the auditorium.

College men will probably be able to closely predict how they will be classified and to prepare for their future under the Selective Service Act.

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