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Students Say...
Teen-Age Draftees
Need Years' Training

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A small majority of Penn State students favor the O'Daniel amendment to the 'teen-age draft bill which prohibits the sending of 18 and 19-year-old youth into combat before they have had a year's training, according to a Daily Collegian opinion poll.

Fifty-six per cent of those interviewed said the O'Daniel amendment should be passed by Congress, while forty-four per cent opposed it. Precautions were taken to include a proportionate number of both 'teen-age students and those above 20 years of age in the survey.

The O'Daniel (D.-Tex.) amendment to the 'teen-age draft bill proposed that no person under 20 years of age who was inducted into the armed forces should "be placed in actual combat duty beyond the territorial boundaries of continental United States, until after he had had at least one year's military training following his induction."

Despite the publicly expressed opposition of President Roosevelt against any amendment to the 'teen-age draft bill, the Senate passed it last week by a vote of 62-6. The original bill which lowered the draft age to 18 years was passed earlier by the House by 345-16. It will be referred to a compromise committee composed of Senate and House members after they return from re-election campaigning. Political observers say that a possible compromise under which a 6-months ban would be imposed will meet with the approval of both sides.

Coeds who were contacted in the poll expressed viewpoints typical of the feminine lobbyists who backed the amendment. Women students contended that "teen-age youth is immature and need a year's training to adjust themselves to the horrors of war."

Eighty-three per cent of the coeds favored the O'Daniel amendment while only 17 per cent opposed it. Those contacted were mostly 'teen-agers themselves—according to their statements.

The issue put to Penn State men and women undergraduates follows:

"In your opinion should 18 and 19-year-old youth be compelled to have a year's training before they are sent into combat?"

Results of the Daily Collegian poll are:

Table with 3 columns: Response, Men, Women. Yes: 56%, 83%. No: 44%, 17%.

Student Opinions Vary

The varied opinions of some of the students contacted in the poll follow:

Maur Levan, soph., 19, Ed.—Yes. As can be seen from our ROTC courses there is so much to be known about organization and discipline. Men who don't have such training would not be capable of executing orders properly for the safest results.

Irene Klein, frosh., 17, LD—Definitely. They're inexperienced. They need the year of training to adjust themselves.

Marge Ritter, LD—No. Since these boys have the capacities to become the best soldiers they should be able to absorb training quicker than older men.

Marjorie Renner, LD—Yes. Boys of 18 and 19 haven't enough training to be sent directly overseas.

Richard Marsh, senior, 21, C & F—Definitely. I don't think they're mentally old enough to be able to get the best out of their training in less than a year's time.

Jane Brown, frosh., 18, Home Ec.—Yes. Because less than one year's training would not be adequate.

Rosemary Halpin, frosh., 18, LD.—Yes. Because it shouldn't be like the last World War where they sent men over who had just been inducted to be just so much cannon fodder.

R. E. Ashcraft, soph., LD—No. Let the Army use its own judgment.

Morris Beck, senior, LA.—No. There is nothing magic about a 12-months training period. If a soldier can be properly trained in eight months, there is no reason for keeping him here if his division is ready to be sent across.

William A. Hyde Jr., soph., 19, LD.—No. To win this war we must have 10,000,000 men and that means all 18 and 19-year-olds. The older men should go first, but youth must be ready when needed.



'Ghosts' To Be
Players Show

"Ghosts" by Peter Ibsen, one of the greatest tragedies of all time, has been officially announced by Arthur C. Cloetingh, professor of dramatics, as the title of the new Players' show.

It has long been a Players' policy to present six shows yearly, each show a representative different type. "Ghosts" will be in direct contrast to the comedy "The Man Who Came To Dinner" which was presented last week.

According to Mr. Cloetingh, students are likely to think that the play is out-dated or old fashioned because it was written more than 50 years ago. This is a misconception. "Ghosts" has survived the years because it is and has always been timely. The theme is as appropriate now as it was 50 years ago and as it will be 50 years from today.

"Ghosts" is a psychological study of a woman in her struggle to bury the past. As a play, it is dramatic, moving, and powerful.

Tryouts were held earlier this week, and the cast, which includes five members, will be announced Tuesday, Mr. Cloetingh stated.

The nickel that used to go into a dozen silver-plated table forks is enough to supply the nickel required for making 675 magnesium incendiary bombs.

CAMPUS CALENDAR
TODAY

Hallow'een party at Westminster Hall, Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p. m. for all members of the Peter-Church Council.

Mac Hall student-help party, Grange playroom, 8:30 p. m.

Evening Services, Hillel Foundation, 7:15 p. m. Rabbi Kahn will speak on "Claiming Your Inheritance."

PSCA group for hike to the cabin will meet at the rear of Old Main, 2 p. m.

Collegian Senior-Junior Board Banquet, State College Hotel, 7 p. m.

Lutheran Student Association meeting, Grace Lutheran Church, 6:30 p. m. Pastor Kate will lecture on marriage.

Chapel Services, Schwab Auditorium, 11 a. m. Dr. Alfred Luccock will speak on "Restoring the Past or Creating the Future."

Penn State Bible Fellowship meets in 405 Old Main, 2 p. m.

MONDAY
Independent '45 Clique meeting, 318 Old Main at 7:30 p. m. All independents invited.

Russian Club meeting, second floor lounge of Old Main, 7:15 p. m.

Campus 4-H Club Square Dance, 405 Old Main, 7 p. m.

WRA Club Presidents Board meets in White Hall, 6:30 p. m.

TOMORROW
All-College Co-Rec hike to Mt. Nittany will leave from rear of Old Main at 2 p. m.

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No Thumb-Twiddling Today

This afternoon brings with it one of the few Saturdays during football season with no home games, and the clash against West Virginia's Mountaineers is not scheduled to be broadcast over the radio. Only athletic event is the girls' hockey match.

However, such an afternoon as this brings a challenge to get outdoors, away from the books, and into the country for exercise. One suggestion is to take a long hike.

Tussey Mountain, only four miles to the South, is worth exploring. Extremely rocky, Tussey has trails running through it, most of which date back to Indian days. Another direction in which to hike is toward Mount Nittany, east of State College and within easy view. Its sides aren't as steep as Tussey's. Third suggestion for a hike is the Bald Eagle Mountains. Further away than Tussey or Nittany, the Bald Eagles can be reached after about 12 miles of walking, but it would be a strain on the average student to make the trip back in the same day.

More helpful to the war effort is work with the rural service committee. Each week the group leaves from the rear of Old Main at 1:10 p. m., and goes to surrounding farms to aid farmers solve the need for labor. Students can dig potatoes, husk corn and do other jobs requiring little experience.

Indeed, many students going on the project groups, have had practical farm experience and can do almost any of the Fall work. Rural service groups have averaged 65 persons recently, and it is hoped this week the number will mount to 150. Robert S. McNabb '45, whom All-College Cabinet appointed in charge of the trips, said he is encountering transportation difficulties in getting the farm helpers to the farms. Usually they walk back.

Army-Navy hockey game on Holmes Field will attract many coeds, since the two teams are chosen to represent the best hockey players.

Physical fitness can be developed by using Rec Hall's athletic facilities. The gymnasium is usually open Saturday afternoons and equipment is available. A workout on the obstacle course will almost certainly point out a person's physical faults.

Summing up these suggestions on how the afternoon can be used most effectively, one can readily notice the emphasis on physical activity rather than curling up with a book in a stuffy room. The sooner each student gets in good physical condition, the better things will be for him later on.

This is made evident by the College's recent move to abandon jayvee and freshman teams in favor of sports which will reach more individuals directly. About \$5,000 has thus been released for physical fitness.

We suggest you leave your room this afternoon and either get acquainted with Penn State's natural surroundings or help alleviate the farm labor shortage with the group leaving from Old Main. You'll help yourself and your country. —P. I. W.