

Penn State Student Has Conference With War Heads; Receives Information On Probable Status Of Reservists

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At a White House luncheon with war heads Stimson and Knox and later in a private conference with Assistant Secretary of War Dorr Tuesday afternoon, Robert S. MacNabb '45 received information concerning the probable status of college reservists in the near future.

According to Assistant Secretary of War Dorr, Army reserves will be called in February if the pres-

ent Army Plan now being considered by Manpower Commissioner McNutt is approved, MacNabb said.

However, much pressure is now being exerted by the educators throughout the country to push through their plan to have the Army fully utilize the facilities colleges have for training technical as well as liberal arts students.

Revealing the details of the plan

as now proposed by the Army, Dorr said that reservists will first receive an intensive 13 weeks' basic training course at induction centers, not colleges.

After that they will be given a screening test to determine where they will be placed. Those receiving a high score in leadership ability will be sent to Officers' Candidates School and those having high scientific aptitudes will be

sent back to an institution selected by the government for brief specialized training. Those in lower brackets will enter the ranks, possibly as non-commissioned officers.

Deferments will be granted under the plan to pre-medical, pre-dental, and pre-theological students and may also be given to junior technical students. Senior technical students will not receive

deferments though, as graduation is not necessary, since seniors have a basic knowledge of their subjects. Sophomore and freshman technical students will not be deferred, according to the plan, since it is felt that they will be needed before the completion of their studies.

One feature of the plan is a two-year post-war course for all col-

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Faculty-Student Forum Discusses War Problems

Meeting To Be Held In 121 Sparks Tonight

"What Is the Outlook for Penn State Students?" will be the topic under discussion at a student-faculty forum in 121 Sparks, 7:30 tonight.

Chairman of the forum will be Robert S. MacNabb '45, who has returned from Washington, D. C., where he conferred at the White House with the President, Mrs. Roosevelt, both the Secretary of Navy and War, and several other Washington officials on the problem of colleges and college students during the war.

Questions to be discussed are typical of those being asked by men and women on the campus: "Will the Reserves Be Needed Soon?" "Will Technical Students Be Deferred?" "Will Women Be Drafted?"

Members of the forum include Adrian O. Morse, assistant to the president in charge of student instruction; Dean H. P. Hammond, School of Engineering; Dr. Laura Drummond, professor of home economics; Capt. S. B. Gilliard, assistant professor of military science and tactics; Miss Dorothy Brunner, All-College Cabinet member; and William S. Ivans, senior valedictorian and president of Engineering School Council.

MacNabb and Miss Hattie Van Riper of the Penn State Christian Association Public Meetings Committee will be co-chairmen of the program.

The forum is sponsored by the Public Meetings Committee of the Christian Association.

Annual Christmas Chapel Services Take Place Sunday

The annual Christmas Musical Service by the College Choir will be presented in Schwab Auditorium, 11 a. m. Sunday, December 13.

Presented each year before the start of the Christmas vacation, the services this year will include the choir singing "The Angel's Song" by Teschesnov; an English carol, "On Christmas Night," arranged by Prof. G. William Henninger of the music department; "The Three Kings," a Catalonian carol, arranged by Rev. Louis Romev, and another English carol arranged by Alfred Whitehead, entitled "This Endris Night."

The Negro spiritual, "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow," "Bethlehem" and "Praise to the Lord" will complete the choir's songs for the morning.


Ensign Erwin Windward, tenor, will be the soloist on the program, singing "Comfort Ye, My People" from Handel's "Messiah".

Organ numbers by Mrs. Irene O. Grant will include "Christmas Offering" by Grison; "Christmas in Sicily" by Pietro Yon, and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah.


Popp Play To Be Enacted

"April First," an original one-act play written by Kathryn M. Popp '43, will be third on a bill of three plays presented in the Little Theater, 7:30 p. m. tomorrow.

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750 to Graduate at Commencement Next Thursday

Commencement exercises for more than 750 graduating seniors of the Class of 1943 will take place in Recreation Hall, 8 p. m. Thursday, December 17.

Seniors graduating must be present at the exercises if they wish to receive their respective degrees.

Program for the exercises, which will be presided over by President Ralph D. Hetzel, includes an organ prelude, "Minuet from Gothique Suite," by Boellmann, played by Prof. Irene O. Grant of the music department; and the Academic Procession, followed by the Invocation to be given by John H. Frizzel, College chaplain.

Next on the program will be a musical interlude consisting of "America Calling" by Willson, "Rolling Down to Rio," by German, and the Penn State "Blue and White."

The address to the graduating class will be presented by Robert C. Clothier, president of Rutgers University, after which President Hetzel will conduct the conferring of degrees, introduced.

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ACER Board Comes Tomorrow

246 Applicants To Be Enlisted

Opportunity pounds at the door for the last time this weekend in the case of more than 246 male students who made application for the Army Air Corps Enlisted Reserve before the December 5 deadline.

Mental and physical examinations will be administered for these men especially by an examining board which will start screening applicants at 8:30 Friday morning.

Exams will be conducted in the Air Corps temporary headquarters on the fourth floor, Old Main until all enlistments are effected, which means that mental and physical tests will be given Saturday and Sunday if the demand is great enough.

By acting immediately, the men, for whom the special examining committee has come to test can collect the necessary papers and records which must be presented at the time of the interview or before the swearing in takes place.

Men who signified their intent to apply for the Air Corps to the Faculty Advisor on War Service, and who have failed to fill out their application papers should do so immediately.

Birth certificates must also be presented. If a student does not have a birth certificate he may substitute in lieu, a baptismal paper, the record of the officiating physician at the time of birth, or a notarized statement from two people, not related, stating that they are acquainted with circumstances surrounding the birth.

Draft board releases must be turned in at the same time, in the case of men who have already registered.

Aviation Cadet candidates must bring parental consent papers.

Of interest to some of the Air Corps candidates may be the fact that openings are still present for

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Dean Stresses LA Importance

Liberal Artists have been advised to take campus rumors of a mass exodus with a grain of salt and to stay in school as long as possible by Dean Charles W. Stodart, head of the School of Liberal Arts.

The government has recognized the need for the non-technical student. Various plans are under consideration by the War Department for student training. However, nothing definite has been decided. In the meantime, students may well be urged to defer action pending the issuance of such a statement.

The President of the United States in a letter to the secretary of the Association of American

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Curtiss-Wright Interviews Coeds Tomorrow, Sat.

Applicants Schedule Appointments Today

So that coeds interested in the engineering training course offered by Curtiss-Wright Aircraft Corporation may know definitely what plans to make for next semester, the corporation representative will conduct interviews and tests a week ahead of the time originally scheduled. Miss Mary McCloud, Curtis-Wright representative, will visit campus tomorrow and Saturday to interview and test applicants.

Woman students wishing to apply for the courses must arrange for interviews with Henry B. Young, assistant professor of English composition in 201 Sparks, from 9 to 12 a. m. and 1:30 to 5 p. m. today. Only coeds who are now completing their sophomore year or who already have junior or senior ranking may apply. One year of elementary college mathematics is also required.

Courses will begin February 1 at eight engineering schools and women must be willing to transfer to any one of them. Schools are

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LATE NEWS FLASHES!

LONDON—The London Daily News reported last night that Royal Air Force planes passed over Geneva, Switzerland, for a period of more than three hours on their way to bomb northern Italy. The raid was so massive that returning planes passed planes on their way to the target over Geneva. Heavy explosions were heard in the Milan sector as the RAF continued their huge raids of Tuesday night.

MOSCOW—The Russian High Command announced limited successes in the Stalingrad area with heavy German attacks reported repulsed northwest of the city.

GUADALCANAL—The American forces were reported by an Army communique to be advancing steadily in the Buna-Gona sector. One hundred and thirteen Japs were reported killed in the day's fighting.

CAIRO—Cairo radio reported last night that the British First Army is preparing for another thrust at the German lines in Libya. American and British forces were reported being strengthened in Tunisia. Many new aircraft have been received and the Allies are regaining air superiority in this sector.

An Elegy To The Check-Off

AN EDITORIAL

Collegian's check-off plan, favored by three out of every four Penn State students, has failed to pass the College Board of Trustees.

Naturally this is a hard blow to the Daily Collegian, which recently has had several lean years, barely pulling through the summer semester, but showing signs of prosperity during the past semester. It is tough to take, for the staff has looked forward to the plan for a year, hoping and praying every day as the trustees' meeting drew near. It was like reaching for a golden egg, only to have it disappear, and the hand left groping around the darkness of inexperience for some means of existence.

Remember that "It's Up to You" campaign at the start of the Summer? It took plenty of gumption to push the paper through those days. Smaller enrollment was the main factor. We looked forward to the day when we wouldn't have to sweat so much for subscriptions. We, then of the junior board, ordinarily would have received compensation. We gave it up to continue a daily. We'll be seniors next semester, facing another year of putting in three or four hours every day with experience only as our pay. We've had our All-College averages slip. We've walked around dazed from lack of sleep. We've pushed this, publicized that, worked to the point of ill health—hoping, hoping all the time our check-off system would get the approval of the highest College authorities . . . hoping we'd have some security in future

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Collegian Check-Off Fails to Pass Trustees' Executive Committee

The Daily Collegian's proposed check-off system, heartily approved by the student body by a count of 3 to 1 at the recent All-College elections, has failed to pass the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees at a meeting held last Friday evening, Adrian O. Morse, assistant to the president and secretary of the committee, announced last night.

No reasons were given by Mr. Morse as to why the plan failed to pass the Board of Trustees, despite student opinion, which highly favored the system, as shown by their action in voting for the set-up.

Had the plan been approved by the Board of Trustees, each student would have been assessed a liberal amount of his semester's fees, thereby being assured of receiving a daily newspaper.

Failure to go through the Executive Committee has left the Daily Collegian in a state of un-

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