

# Defense Department Changes Draft Law

The Defense department has made additional changes in draft regulations to clarify enlistment procedures for students whose induction is postponed.

The original move to allow students with draft postponements to enlist in any service within the last two months of the college year was announced on Jan. 22 by Defense Secretary George Marshall. Conflicts with existing laws caused the further modifications announced by the Defense department.

Meanwhile, warnings against panic enlistments of college students were sounded by Marshall, Milton S. Eisenhower and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

### Agreement Eliminated

Marshall eliminated, in the case of college students, the two-year-old agreement by which no service would accept an enlistment from anyone ordered to report for a draft physical.

Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey announced he will allow reclassification of any student with a draft postponement in the last month of the college year. Students may thus volunteer for service only within this last month. Under the earlier regulations, volunteer enlistments would have been accepted only during the two months prior to the last one.

### Report Denied

In connection with Hershey's statement, College Provost Adrian O. Morse yesterday denied a report in an Erie newspaper that the new enlistment provisions were not legal and could not be carried out by draft boards.

"General Hershey has announced that he will allow reclassification of every college student in the last month of the academic year. Under the existing draft law, he has the right to order this reclassification," Morse said.

Under the new plan, the Defense department stressed, "Each service would accept enlistments only to the extent that places were open for those who desired to enlist."

### Warns Against "Panic"

President Eisenhower, releasing a telegram informing him of the new enlistment plan, repeated his warnings against panic enlistments during the school year. The telegram said, "(Secretary) Marshall strongly urged all ROTC students to stay in college and said that the panic enlistment of college students is a 'waste to the nation and a damage to the educational system.'"

# Defense Experts Conduct Atomic Energy Seminar

One of the nation's top experts in defense against atomic warfare thinks it's a mistake to try "scaring hell out of the average Joe" about the horrors of the A-bomb.

Dr. Richard Gerstell, consultant to the federal civil defense administration and author of "How to Survive an Atomic Bomb," told Pennsylvania newspapermen the big job when a bomb drops is "to save as many lives as we can."

Dr. Gerstell was one of eight experts to visit the campus last week for an atomic energy seminar sponsored jointly by the Pennsylvania Society of Newspaper Editors and the College's extension services.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Feb. 5 (AP)—The recent Nevada atomic tests prove that "the American people do not frighten easily," says an Atomic Energy commission spokesman.

Morse Salisbury, director of information services for the commission, said observers were impressed with the absence of panic among the populace and the good humor of Las Vegas residents during last week's blasts. Salisbury addressed the final session of a two-day seminar on atomic energy at the College.

Col. Alton C. Miller, state civil defense director and a Penn State alumnus, told his audience that Pennsylvania stands at the "very top of the target list" in event of an enemy attack.

Charging that the American public is still apathetic about civil defense, Colonel Miller said that the Commonwealth will have to go all out in coming months to prepare its home defenses.

Atomic energy experts joined with civil defense officials in the two-day seminar to paint a realistic picture of what America may expect when, and if, World War III materializes.

After Prof. R. S. Raymond, of the College staff, had outlined the "ABC's of Atomic Energy," the more than 40 newsmen heard other experts discuss the various aspects of atomic energy.

Dr. Paul C. Aebersold, of the Atomic Energy commission, told of the wartime and peacetime uses of newly-developed isotopes; Dr. Charles L. Dunham explored the medical field; and Dr. L. R.

# Prize Won By Miller For Outstanding Article

The Ray Hughes Whitbeck prize for an outstanding article in the field of economics geography published in the Journal of Geography during the past year, has been awarded to Dr. E. Willard Miller, chief of the division of Geography at the College.

The article was entitled "The Mineral Fuel Situation." The winning of the prize was announced at the National Council of Geography Teacher's banquet in Chicago recently.

# Religious Week Speakers Named

Seven more seminar speakers for the Religion-in-Life Week program, Feb. 18-22 have been announced by Luther Harshbarger, president of the Penn State Christian association.

Prof. Wayne Glick, assistant professor of biblical studies and philosophy, Juniata college, will represent the School of Liberal Arts and will speak to the group Monday, Feb. 19. The Rev. Samuel J. Wylie, counselor to Protestant students at Columbia university will speak to the Schools of Agriculture, Education, and Mineral Industries.

Rabbi Louis Youngerman, rabbi of Congregation Keneseth Israel in Allentown, will speak to the School of Mineral Industries. Dr. Paul V. Taylor, professor of education, Huachung university, Central China, will speak to the Home Economics school. Dr. Taylor has been teaching in China since 1924. Dr. Kenneth Irving Brown, executive director of the Danforth foundation, St. Louis, Mo., will speak at the College chapel service, Feb. 18. This will be the keynote address of the week.

Dr. Carl W. Miller, professor of physics, Brown university, will speak to the Chemistry-Physics seminar. Dr. Miller was a member of the National Geographic Society-Armed Forces Far Eastern Eclipse expedition in 1948, and was awarded the Franklin L. Burr prize for outstanding contributions to the success of this expedition. The Rev. Robert L. James, Jr., regional secretary of the Middle Atlantic region, will speak to the School of Home Economics, Feb. 20.

Hafstad told when and where atomic power comes from.

George L. Haller, dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics, was chairman of the two-day event.

# Players Announce New Show Cast

Cast members for "The Gentle People," Players' production which opens Friday night at Center stage, have been announced by Director Kelly Yeaton.

Fred DeWit will appear as Jonah Goodman, Sonya Tilles as Florence, and Nick Morkides as Philip Anagnos. Ruth Johnson and Lorraine Spittler will alternate as Stella.

Other cast members include Allen Adair, James Beaver, George Simon, and Alvin Swimmer.

Tickets priced at 90 cents for Friday night's performance and \$1.25 for Saturday night's may be purchased at the Student Union desk on the first floor of Old Main.

Nancy Mechling is assistant director and Daniel Wargo acting coach.

# Registration—

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officer, termed the new plan as "very favorable and an improvement over other years."

### Several New Forms

Several new forms were added to the registration kit. Class admission cards are to enable members of the faculty to know the number of people who will be in their classes, prior to the first class session. The other new form was the mail and athletic form. The mail form was used because of a new system employed by the post office. The post office now refuses to handle mail for students at the College which is addressed wrong, thus necessitating the College to set up a department of its own for this purpose.

The athletic form was put into use to insure that students sign for AA books, and prevent students from getting more than one.

# Trustees—

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leave of absence until July 31. Dr. Miller, professor of farm management, has been on leave since Feb. 1, 1950. He is working on problems of agricultural missions to France, Belgium, and Switzerland in the Paris office of the Economic Cooperation administration's Food and Agriculture divisions.

Another extension, to June 30, 1951, was granted Dr. Henry Janzen, associate professor of political science, who also has been on leave since Feb. 1, 1950. He is writing a manuscript, "Government and Politics in the Soviet Union."

# Advanced Course In ROTC Open

Juniors and seniors at the College who qualify may now enroll in a special advanced course, Air Force ROTC, according to Lt. Col. Jack W. Dieterle, professor of air science and tactics.

Seniors enrolling in the course, which goes into effect immediately, must complete only one semester of the course and a summer training period to obtain a reserve commission in the Air Force, while juniors entering the program must complete three semesters and a summer training period to obtain the commission.

Colonel Dieterle announced that students desiring to enroll in the program may find it necessary to adjust their schedules. This must be done prior to Feb. 17, he added. Details of the plan will be explained to interested students at a meeting Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in 119 Osmond lab.

The program is open to students of all curricula, but to qualify a student must meet physical standards and must have completed two years of basic ROTC, or he must have served one or more years of active duty in the armed forces.

# Ag Club Elects Officers

William Nichol was elected president of the Agriculture Economics club last month. Other officers elected were William Santel, vice-president; James Chadwick, secretary-treasurer; Donald Lechner and Richard Stanley, Ag Student Council representatives.

# Tryouts For New Play

Singers, dancers, actors and stage crew members interested in trying out for "Anything Goes," Thespian's production to be presented in April were asked to meet in 410 Old Main tonight and tomorrow night from 7 to 11 p.m.

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