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Hershey Proposes Sound Draft Plan

Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey has officially proposed one of the best possible draft deferment plans for college students. The Hershey backing of the Trytten report would seem a good omen for its final enactment. Certainly, the desire of the highest military man connected with the draft will carry much weight with Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson and his manpower director, Dr. Arthur Fleming. These are the two men who must finally set up a collegiate deferment system.

BASICALLY, THE TRYTTEN REPORT (officially titled the Report of the Six Scientific Advisory Committees to the Director of the Selective Service System) is an across-the-board deferment of top students in all curricula. The important feature here is the expression "all curricula."

The Trytten proposal is diametrically opposed to the other major deferment plan suggested—the exemption of students in certain "essential" courses only. The Trytten report objected to this system on the grounds that we cannot now determine who may be essential in the future, and that a non-exempt group might later prove vital to the country's welfare.

Hershey did make one concession to the special category plan—graduate and professional students in several fields of medicine would be deferred without taking the tests that other students would have to undergo.

BRIEFLY, THE HERSHEY PLAN would administer a test to graduating high school students; those receiving above a 70 would be deferred for college. In addition, the top half of the freshman class, two thirds of the sophomore class, and three-quarters of the junior class would be deferred.

One of the key points to be decided is whether the draft boards would be forced to abide by the final deferment plan. Hershey says yes. The college student viewing the chaos of a draft system where each board acts on its own under broad "suggestions" from the director, must agree with the general.

—Ron Bonn

Fine On Cutbacks

Collegian prints below, without editorial comment, several pertinent paragraphs of a news story released by the Associated Press earlier this month:

HERSHEY, PA., March 9—(AP)—Gov. John S. Fine cautioned tonight against colleges cutting down their teaching staffs in the present war emergency.

Talk of reduced staffs because of reduced enrollments, he said, demands "alertness to the possibility of ruination and courage in the efforts we must make to avoid it."

"I trust that our educational institutions in Pennsylvania will most carefully scrutinize all seeming needs for lessening their facilities to the student bodies before acting," added the governor.

The governor pledged state assistance "within the limits of a constricted tax structure" to colleges hit by curtailed enrollments because of manpower demands by the armed forces.

"We must see to it that education continuously looks forward," said Fine.

Farm Systems

In the current issue of the Penn State Farmer, Dr. Lyman Jackson, dean of the School of Agriculture, notes differences between the American farm system of individual enterprise and the Russian system of collective farming. He comments on the importance of efficient farming methods in maintaining high farm production, and points out that Russian farmers have fallen behind government production quotas.

Dean Jackson emphasizes the importance of farm production in maintaining a nation's strength and that "whether in peace or in war, the future of the United States, of Russia and other countries may be greatly influenced by the relative merits of the systems of farming."

Agriculture is an important factor in present-day international problems which many tend to ignore. Dr. Jackson's article, "Two Ways of Farming," presents a viewpoint which readers will find of value.

—John Ashbrook

Senator Off Base On 'Hired' Athletes

Now that the New York basketball scandal has grown into a full-fledged circus, Arkansas Sen. William Fulbright has come prancing into the arena with charges of "hired" athletes and accusations that the nation's colleges follow a policy of "win at any cost."

IT SEEMS RATHER RIDICULOUS for the politicians to be calling "wolf" at the colleges after the exposures of the Kefauver committee. If the policy of the colleges is making a "mockery" of amateur athletics, what are the politicians doing to our theories about democracy?

The colleges, says the senator, are corrupting their "hired" athletes and student bodies with a "cynical, immoral doctrine . . ." To provide athletes with scholarships that help them get through school, to provide them with their meals, and books, to give them a share of the vast profits of modern college athletics is to the senator "immoral."

Big-time college athletics have paid for scientific research, built classrooms, provided entertainment, and financed intramural programs. There is no denying that some colleges have made a travesty out of our "amateur" theories. And there is no doubt that overemphasis is undoubtedly responsible for the corruptions in New York city.

AT THE SAME TIME there is no doubt that the vast majority of college athletes and college contests are honest. Yet, publicity seekers, know-nothings, and Arkansas senators would erase everything.

With Penn State reasonably big-time in its athletic policy, it would seem that this would be a wonderful place to look for the "corruption" Senator Fulbright says is sweeping the campuses. We're still looking for signs of the corruption the senator has deplored.

We're rather happy to report we haven't found any.

—Marvin Krasnansky

Gazette . . .

Saturday, March 31
NITTANY BOWMEN, field shoot, Forestry parking lot, 1:30 p.m.
PURIM CARNIVAL, Hillel, 8 to 12 p.m.

Sunday, April 1
HILLEL HOUR DRAMATIC SHOW, casting, open to all, Hillel, 7:15 p.m.
NITTANY BOWMEN, field shoot, Forestry parking lot, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 2
ACCOUNTING club, 312 Sparks, 7 p.m.
ICG, 107 Willard hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT
Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Ralston Purina company will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., C&F, Ag., or A&L with a background in Ag. Thursday, April 5.

Westinghouse Air Brake will interview June graduates in M.E. Monday, April 9.

Hazeltine Electric will interview June graduates in E.E. Monday, April 9.

Aetna Life Insurance company will interview June graduates interested in group insurance Tuesday, April 3.

Allegheny Ludlum Steel corp. will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., Metal., C.E., and Chem. Friday, April 6.

North American Aviation will interview June graduates in M.E., Aero. Eng., E.E., Chem. Eng., and Phys. Monday, April 9.

Arabian American Oil company will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., C.E., Chem. Eng., P.N.G., Geol., and Bus. Ad. Thursday, April 5.

Hamilton Standard division will interview June graduates at B.S. level in M.E., E.E., Aero. Eng. Thursday, April 5.

United Aircraft corp. will interview June graduates in M.E. Friday, April 6.

YMCA representative will be on campus to interview graduating seniors and juniors interested in professional "Y" work. Those interested are invited to dinner at the Alleneer at 6 p.m., April 3. Individual interviews will be conducted after dinner.

Line Material company will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Tuesday, April 10.

Carter Oil company will interview June graduates in Geol. Tuesday, April 10.

American Car & Foundry company will interview June graduates in C.E., E.E., I.E., and M.E. Tuesday, April 10.

American Viscose will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem., M.E., and I.E. Tuesday, April 10.

Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock company would like to have preliminary application blanks from June graduates in C.E., E.E., and M.E. Blanks may be obtained in 112 Old Main before April 13.

Foster Wheeler corp. will interview June graduates in M.E., Chem. Eng., C.E., and E.E. Wednesday, April 11.

Koppers company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., M.E., E.E., and Bus. Ad. Wednesday, April 11.

Harrison Construction company, Inc., will interview June graduates in C.E. Wednesday, April 11.

Phileo corp. will interview June graduates in Phys., E.E., and M.E. Thursday, April 12.

Durez Plastics will interview June graduates in Chem. Thursday, April 12.

International Latex will interview June graduates in C&F, Chem., Chem. Eng., E.E., I.E., and M.E. Thursday, April 12.

Sylvania Electric will interview June graduates in E.E., I.E., M.E., Cer., Bus. Ad., H.A., Chem., and Chem. Eng. Thursday, April 12.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
For information concerning the following jobs applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

Husky man with car for paper-baling job on campus; cash remuneration.

Male student with car who will be here during summer session to live and work outside State College; full maintenance.

Couple as guide and housekeeper for commercial cave this summer; full maintenance plus monthly salary.

Truck (driver optional) wanted for Student News agency deliveries Sunday morning 8 to 11:30, April 1; remuneration \$3.

Fifteen men for women's dining halls, fall of 1951; full time; undergo one week of training this spring; remuneration in meals.

Fraternity waiter and kitchen help wanted; remuneration in meals.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL
Leonard Abrams, Dorothy Balfour, Albert Derek, Harold Elicker, Stanford Feigelman, Charles Hamilton, Thomas Hanna, Helen Hissey, Marilyn Levitt, Louise Penfield, Benjamin Throop, Charlotte Zislin

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Isn't this a wonderful floor—almost like dancing on a carpet."

Safety Valve . . .

Campus Patrol Office Newspapers

TO THE EDITOR: In regards to the letter — Name Withheld — issued in Thursday's copy of Collegian. We wish to state the writer evidently did not take into consideration that the Campus patrol office receives complimentary copies of Collegian each day and also employs about 30 student patrolmen who have access to Collegians and bring them to the office daily.

Possibly this was prompted by a parking ticket which the writer had received. Hoping this will clarify the

idea in the writer's mind of persons reading the Collegian.

— Name Withheld

Ed. Note — According to Business Manager Owen Landon, complimentary copies of Collegian are not authorized for the Campus patrol office.

Bluebook Punchy? Buttons Ease Strain

By PAT NUTTER

Ten years from now a Penn State student may walk into a classroom, take an exam by punching buttons, find his score on an electric board, and then walk out.

This electrical way of testing students is not just an inventor's dream. The College has the only classroom communicator in the world.

The classroom communicator, which was begun in 1947, was built by Instructional Film Research program engineers, in cooperation with the physics shop. Tom John and Jack Cannon, I.F.R.P. engineers, and Dr. C. R. Carpenter, psychology professor, were largely responsible for the project.

Five Buttons

When a student enters a testing room, he sits down at a desk. Attached to its armrest is a black metal box. Inside the box are five buttons. As a true-false or multiple choice question is flashed on a screen, the student presses the button corresponding to the answer he believes correct. If he wishes to change his answer, he can do so. After each question the correct answer is flashed on a screen.

The instructor stands behind an electric panel at the front of the room. The panel is set up with glass squares corresponding to the seats in the room. As students respond to a question, the instructor can tell at a glance how many answered correctly. The panel tabulates the per cent of correct and incorrect responses.

Comparison Possible

If the professor wishes to compare groups, he can do so without telling the students. There are two sets of indicating dials on the panel. He can compare the total per cent of correct answers for men and women, students who are passing with ones who are flunking, or any other division he wishes. He can eliminate any student that he does not wish to test by pressing a button. Faculty who have seen the

classroom communicator in operation, and students who have taken part in experimental tests agree that the communicator would eliminate a lot of headaches. Not only would students know their grades right after an exam, but also professors would not have to cope with grading test papers in free time.

Penn State Fails In Bid For Army Quartermaster Lab

The \$11,000,000 quartermaster laboratory for which the College was once eligible has been assigned to Matick, Mass., Harry P. Hammond, dean of the School of Engineering, said yesterday.

The College had first been mentioned as possible location for the project last April 28 when Rep. James Van Zandt announced that the College was a front runner among the sites under consideration.

He said that the location of the College away from the large centers of population, made it a desirable place for the laboratory in case of atomic danger. Both Philadelphia and Boston had been trying to get the laboratory for several years.

In a statement made to the Collegian on Jan. 5 Dean Hammond said that the Defense department's research and development board had narrowed the field down to three tentative sites and that the College was not one of them.