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## Does Draft Bill Need Alterations?

(This is the first of two editorials on the present and newly proposed draft laws. Tomorrow's editorial will deal with the draft extension bill before Senate.)

It has been estimated that to preserve the defense of the country successfully, we must maintain a standing army ranging from 2.8 to three million men.

Of this total only 1.5 million will come from voluntary enlistment. This leaves another 1.5 million men to be obtained through the draft.

The present draft law, which was revived in 1951 during the Korean War, requires every American youth to register when he reaches the age of 18. Under this law every male citizen is eligible for two years of military training and six years of reserve duty.

Also under this law, any person who has served on active duty for a 12 month period or more, between the dates of Sept. 16, 1940, and January 24, 1948, is not liable for induction.

Likewise, any person who served on active duty for a period of 90 days or more between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, is not liable for induction. All persons discharged after January 19, 1948, with three or more years of active duty, will be considered veterans and therefore not liable for induction.

One of the major faults of this draft law is the manner in which the status of a veteran is obtained.

A man who was inducted during the Korean War and who saw action in the war, may have been discharged before his two years of required service had expired. Thus, if a war were to break out in Formosa or at some other spot in the world in the near future, this man would be eligible for the draft. Even though he may be set up in business and have a wife and children, he could be inducted.

Under the present Universal Military Training and Service Act there is no fool-proof method of escaping the draft. Deferments may be granted for a number of reasons but none are secure. College students who are in the upper half of their class may be deferred until their graduation; ROTC students, youths in the National Guard, hardship cases, and some young workers and farmers may be deferred for a certain period of time.

However, a youth who joins the National Guard before he is 18½ and does not leave his Guard unit until he is 35, will not be inducted. This is a total of at least 16½ years in the National Guard. Belonging to the National Guard usually entails going to a meeting one night a week and spending two weeks during the summer in a summer camp.

This draft bill is a harsh one and one which may be altered by the proposed draft extension bill.

—Don Barlett

## Chest Needs Change

The many well-known charities existing locally and nationally can be thankful they do not depend on Penn State Campus Chest for their existence.

Whether the trouble lies with the Chest or with the students who are supposed to support it is hard to tell. Either way, something must be done to encourage students to lend a helping hand, and it seems the responsibility for a new look in the Chest lies not with the students but with the coordinators of the fund.

That something is organically wrong is indicated by the flop of the most recent money-making venture by the Chest—the Kaminsky jazz concert. A venture of about \$600, it wound up leaving the Chest \$5 in the hole for the evening's effort.

It is hard to criticize the leaders of the Chest for mismanagement in this instance since they could hardly predict the crowd on a week-day evening. The point it does illustrate, however, is the extent to which the fund is being forced to go in an attempt to raise enough money to make charitable contributions fitting a school of the size and repute of the University.

Campus Chest should be able to meet its needs during its short drive each fall. This concentrated drive should produce the funds necessary to meet the average contribution of less than a dollar from each student which the fund attempts to gather. In the 1954-55 drive, students contributed less than 40 cents apiece.

Where does the trouble lie? Many contribute the shortage to a lack of ready money among the students, particularly this past fall. Scarcity of summer employment and general hard times are credited with holding the contributions of 12,000 students to \$4500.

We do not go along with this theory, however. We see these same students spending good-sized sums of money at local movies, dance halls, and other places of amusement. We go along with the second theory: the student body is not satisfied with the setup of the fund.

There have been many complaints. Some have been picayune and some reasonable. Some have been logical and some illogical. Take for example the request that the designation system of the 1953-54 campaign be reinstated. Some fail to see the problem involved in breaking down a typical 50 cent donation between seven benefactors.

Among the principal justifiable complaints seem to be the feelings of many sizable groups that certain charities should not be on the list. The dislike for one causes possible donors to refrain from giving to any. Chief offenders seem to be the Red Cross and the religious groups, in that order.

The complaints against the Red Cross are rather hard to put a finger on, but they seem to stem from poor public relations by that group. The religious groups draw fire simply because they solicit funds through the Chest and because some object to contributing to the support of faiths other than their own.

One cannot end without taking a lick at the students themselves for not overcoming these seemingly petty objections and giving a dollar for a worthy cause. It would seem almost to be worth that much to be rid of all the trouble of being hounded by all these groups individually.

Finally, disregarding all else, it must be remembered that the students as donors are the

## Safety Valve—

### Big Day?

TO THE EDITOR: Feb. 22 marked the 100th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State University. Let us face reality—Tuesday, the 22nd, began for the students as any other class day would, except for the Collegian's excellent "Centennial Edition," which gave the reader great expectations of what the day might hold—dedication of the new chapel, post office, and reactor. These events were attended by a few students who were participating, and had official class excuses, or by even fewer students who had no classes at the time.

The real celebration began for the students in the dorms with the mixed dinner, at which the quality of the food was undoubtedly poor for such an occasion. A dance was held afterwards in Waring Hall lounge—so crowded that more than half the students interested could not possibly enter. At nine o'clock a dance was also held at the TUB, which was equally crowded.

During these events, a banquet was being held at the HUB, a beautiful new building built for and paid for by the students. Who attended this affair? . . . Approximately 30 students . . . while others who tried to gain entry were refused. THIS was the way we celebrated an event that we are greatly proud of, that we should have been allowed to participate in wholeheartedly, and that we have practically disregarded.

. . . I, and many of my fellow students believe the much-heralded Centennial of PSU was—just another day.

● Letter Cut

Richard H. Jones

## Datelines--

TO THE EDITOR: After all the publicity concerning the opening of the new University Park, Pa., post office on Feb. 22, we find the dateline of the Centennial Special of The Daily Collegian reading—State College, Pa., February 22, 1955. Come now, let's get with it and keep up with the times.

I. Van der Hoven

**EDITOR'S NOTE—**The dateline has not been changed because we operate under a second class mailing permit that was issued through the State College post office. We are now seeing if it can be changed to University Park.

## Gazette . . .

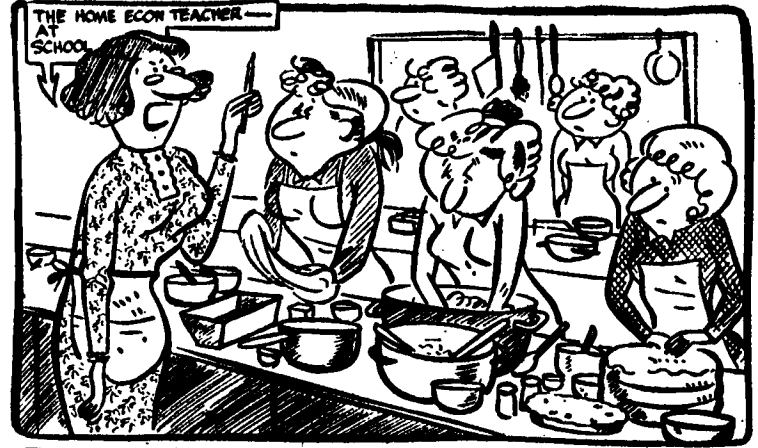
Today  
ACCOUNTING CLUB, 7 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau  
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, Senior Board, 6:30 p.m., 111 Carnegie  
FROTH ART STAFF, Froth Office  
MEN'S DEBATE, 7 p.m., 316 Sparks  
NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:30, Church; Discussion, 7:30 p.m., 304 Old Main  
OUTING CLUB, Field and Stream Division, 7:30 p.m., 121 Sparks  
W.S.G.A. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 6:30 p.m., Grange playground

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
Geraldine Aquist, Leo Berzinski, Charles Bowers, James Byrne, John Caciola, John Comstock, Barbara Edgington, Jerome Epstein, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Edith Gross, Henry Haak, Robert Hagen, Ronald Hartman, Andrew Hibler, James Howard, Irene Jacob, John Johnson, Kenneth Kerr, Harriet Learn, Ronald Leik, John Lohman, Norman Mawby, George Mastroianni, Elissa Max, Thomas Muller, Richard Patterson, Donna Smith, Frederick Wilcox.

customers and as such are right. The Chest must adjust to please them accordingly.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



## Marcie Beaucoup

By MARCIE MacDONALD

Consider for a moment the plight of thousands of students who have the misfortune to be attending the ill-starred University of Maryland during these trying times for that institution.

These people are only slightly less than panic-stricken at the thought that their college degrees, for which they have spent much time and money, will be viewed in questionable light by present day academicians.

Especially worried are those who are graduating this June, before much can be done in the way of improving academic standards of the university.

However, under the leadership of the new president of the university, Dr. Wilson H. Elkins, the long range picture for the University looks promising. No student will be able to graduate with a major in football, nor will any advanced degrees be granted for outstanding work in this field.

Although the regime of "Curly" Byrd, Maryland's ex-president and an unsuccessful candidate for state governor, was highlighted by huge expenditures for the university's physical plant, Byrd failed to fulfill the purpose of his position as an educator. When he resigned his presidency, College Park was the home of one of America's largest and most beautiful football stadiums and construction had begun on the largest college field house in the country.

The university's library, however, was way below par for a school of that size. In short, Maryland has suffered from acute and chronic athletic emphasis. And now the tide is turning.

With its location and physical plant, the University of Maryland has the potential of a truly great university. But because of the setbacks of the Byrd administration, it may take a full hundred years before it reaches the status of Penn State today. Some centennial that will be—congratulations Maryland, on your hundredth birthday of learning. Of course you are lots older than that, but we can't have birthday parties for Curly's Gym. Not even Stillman's gets that.

It all boils down to a Pollyanna viewpoint of "thank goodness," but in all sincerity, for Prexy and those that went before him.

## Drew Injures Head In Automobile Accident

Barry Drew, eighth semester aeronautical engineering major, suffered a cut on the forehead when his car was struck at College avenue and Burrows street Monday.

Clair W. Jones Jr., Centre Hall, whose view was hidden by a truck, struck the front of Drew's car when he turned left onto Burrows street.

Damage was estimated at \$300.

## Commission Calls Pennsylvania Med School Unfeasible

Establishment of a school of medicine in the state for the exclusive training of Pennsylvanians is not feasible, the Joint State Government Commission said yesterday, the Associated Press reported.

The group, the research arm for the Legislature, said in a report that expansion of existing medical schools in Pennsylvania should supply adequate facilities for training the state's medical students.

The report noted that 617 Pennsylvanians were turned away from medical colleges in the nation in 1952, but, it said, they were either not qualified or did not apply for entrance to state medical schools.

In an effort to encourage Pennsylvania medical students to enter state schools, the commission recommended the Commonwealth establish a tuition differential in favor of state residents at schools receiving state aid.

Medical colleges in the state include the Hahnemann Medical College, and the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, all in Philadelphia.

## AFROTC Hears Jet Fighter Pilots

Three jet fighter pilots from the Air Defense Command Squadron at Pittsburgh spoke before freshmen and sophomores in the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps at Leadership Laboratory Tuesday.

Lt. Frank Crost, Lt. Richard Fitzgerald, and Lt. Richard Derr discussed various phases of Air Force flight training and activities of the Air Defense Command.

The three are jet pilots of the F-86D Sabre Jet, a plane equipped with radar enabling it to operate in all types of weather.

## Tonight on WDFM

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7:25 ----- Sign On  
7:30 ----- Adventures in Research  
7:45 ----- As You Believe  
8:00 ----- Concert Cameos  
8:30 ----- Just Out  
9:00 ----- Guest Star  
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9:30 ----- The Master's Palette  
10:30 ----- Thought for the Day