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Deferment for College Students?

The phrase is almost trite. But it's one of those trite phrases that will bear considerable thought and discussion. How many times have you heard, "I'm going to study law, IF THE ARMY DOESN'T GET ME," or "IF MY DRAFT NUMBER DOESN'T COME UP I'm going to med school in the fall."

Students up north, in the south, here in the middle west are just as concerned about it as those in the east. This deferment business has no geographical limitations. And now even educators seem to be getting interested in the problem.

In a prepared address for the public and the draft boards, the presidents of three colleges stated:

"The national committee of education and defense secured from the national headquarters of the selective service system an amendment, with the full effect of the law, providing for the postponement of induction for any person for whom in the judgment of the local board, immediate induction would create an unusual individual hardship.

"While this amendment is stated in general terms, it provides the basis for preventing the interruption of a student's education during a semester or college year.

"It has been officially interpreted to include as cause of such hardship . . . to complete a course of training or instruction."

"We hope selective service boards will be willing to grant students the opportunity of completing the semester's work or the year's work on which they have embarked.

"These students are not claiming exemption from selective service but merely a postponement of a few months."

Immediately, the Minnesota state director of selective service made the statement that blanket deferment of college students was out of the question.

"However, individual draft boards will give every consideration for a stay of induction to permit individual students to complete a quarter or a semester of school work," he added.

Thus, although educator and soldier like to bark at each other in public, in effect they agree on this point: that college students need not be recklessly taken from their studies in the middle of a school year.

To many it does not seem exactly "cricket" to give college students the nod just because they are college students. Perhaps one reason that registration in American colleges and universities is keeping pace this year is that there are many who feel enrollment in a university will give them deferment.

The Georgia selective service headquarters seemed to have found one solution when it recommended that college students be deferred as long as they "maintain a standard of academic work which is satisfactory to the college and to the local board."

This suggestion has met with considerable approbation in many quarters, but it is difficult to say whether indefinite deferment should be granted even a straight-A student. However, it would not seem too strict to consider grades in determining whether a student should be allowed to finish out his school year.

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Behind the News

By David Thompson

Who Likes War?

Having been thoroughly excluded from the discussion held after ex-Congressman Luckey's speech at the "America First" fiasco Thursday night, I am going to make this column the vehicle of my commentary.

Mr. Luckey, both directly and by implication, stated that one man, namely Franklin "Delanie" Roosevelt, was by his exclusive action bringing us into this war, and that by so doing he was setting up a totalitarian form of government in this country. He denied the right of the president to do this and stated that only congress had the constitutional power to do so. My answer to that is this. Who, if not congress, passed the lease-lend bill, gave the president the emergency powers he utilizes, and will repeal the neutrality act of 1937 if it is to be repealed?

This far congress has gone and may go in the line of legislation. If we are then drawn into a "state of war" because of the administration of congressional legislation, such as the lease-lend bill, it will be due, not to the president, but rather to German acts of outlawry. A subject, I might mention, that was entirely excluded from the discussion Thursday night.

Another statement made by the speakers at the meeting was that 80% of the American people were against war. This figure was allegedly reached as a result of a nationwide poll. For that matter 100% of the American people are against war, for none of us likes war. It is a terrible thing which we would all just as soon avoid under normal circumstances. However, my question as to how that inquiry was asked, whether it was stated in such a manner as to say "in case Britain cannot win the war without our active participation" or whether it was just a general "against the war" question, was adeptly "beaten around the bush" and forgotten.

Obviously a majority of the American people would be in favor of our staying out of the war as long as they felt Britain could win it with our material aid and did not need active participation on our part to keep Germany from gaining a decisive victory. Nevertheless, 80% of the American people do not favor our staying out of this war in case our doing so would let the Axis defeat Britain.

It was refreshing to me that the members of the student body in particular, and the general public represented at the meeting, whether interventionist or not, were wide enough awake to see that they did not belong in the "America First" camp. In regard to this local committee, one can truthfully say that it is not even a legitimate isolationist organization.

Alumni News

By Lloydene Kershaw

Still in the limelight in alumni activities are plans for this year's homecoming which will be highlighted by the Nebraska-Indiana game on the 18th. Planning special homecoming reunions are the ATO's and the Deltas. As a part of their homecoming program, the Alumni association will hold its annual homecoming meeting of the national board of directors on Oct. 17. The college of dentistry will hold its third annual reunion this year and the Mortar Board's annual luncheon will be the feature of their homecoming plans.

As the first in a series of Lincoln Alumni nights to be held at the Union this winter, an "all-out" party will be held in the Union ballroom Friday night, Oct. 6. There will be a university speaker, and a buffet supper and dancing will also be features of the party.

An activity of the Alumni association, which is somewhat unique, is the football tabloid, published the Monday following each game, and mailed to Nebraska alumni all over the world. It is the only publication of its kind in existence. Speaking of football, the Kansas City alumni hold regular Monday quarterback meetings at the Savoy.

According to Elsworth DuTeau, alumni secretary, there are hundreds of Nebraska alumni from Chicago and Milwaukee planning to attend the Minnesota game.

Social Style Quiz

By June Jamieson

1. First home game of the '41 football season will be held next Saturday. What does one wear and are there any special traditions attached to the first game? Depending upon the weather, wear clothes that will be comfortable and still mark you as an outstanding person in the thousands that will crowd the stadium. A hat is a necessity, not because attire is more formal, but because the sun shines directly upon the student side of the oval (if the sun shines at all). There are tra-

ditions which say that you must identify yourself as a whole-hearted Cornhusker—in other words, wear a feather or some combination of the scarlet and cream. Bring along a voice.

2. House parties and open houses will accompany the beginning of football season. Street or school clothes?

If you're going to a house party, find out the nature and theme of the party. Go in costume if you like, or dress as you feel most at home. There are so many people dashing in and out that it probably won't make much difference to anyone except your date. Open houses call for the clothes you wore to the game because there is hardly time to go home and change.

3. What is the Farmer's Formal and what does one do?

Farmer's Formal is an annual party given by students at a college. It is informal, to say the least—overalls, cords, slacks and skirts and sweaters—all with some mark of identification for the farmer factory—are in keeping with this occasion. You will dance, see entertainments and have lots of fun in general.

4. Is there a way to improve introductions at hour dances? How are they managed?

Of course, it's taken for granted that you know all the rules of presenting the boy to the girl and the girl to the housemother, so we'll go on from there. Make sure that you get the name right the first time you meet the boy and repeat it to be sure that you have it. Then, if you can still remember it and the names of the members of your own organization, you're doing well. No one really expects you to remember his name and will be not at all embarrassed if you have to ask him again. Just treat it as a topic of conversation, and remember that your partner is doing the same for you.

Church Notes

First Christian.

Sunday at 9:45 there are three classes open to students. Dr. B. C. Hendricks will speak to the freshmen on the "Discovery of Jesus." Mrs. C. E. Rosenquist will speak to the upper-classmen on the "Bible and Social Living." "Christian Imperative" will be Fenner King's topic for graduate students. The fellowship hour will start at 5:00 with a worship program and a discussion group.

First Plymouth Congregational.

Holy Communion will be included in the 11:00 Sunday service. The monthly youth supper will start at 6:00. At 7:00, Mrs. Richard W. Smith will lead discussion groups for the Sunday evening club's Vespers for young people.

Dr. W. S. Wegner teaches the 9:45 Keystone class. World Communion service will start at 11:00. At 6:30 the young people's group will meet.

Russell Gets New Position

Prof Goes to Michigan S. To Teach Psychology

Dr. George W. Russell, instructor in psychology at the university has announced his resignation in order to accept an appointment as instructor in psychology at Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, East Lansing, Mich.

Marvin J. Herbert, a graduate of Olivet College at Olivet, Mich., is taking over Dr. Russell's introductory courses at the university for the present semester, while his advanced classes are being taught by Prof. Charles M. Harsh.

Colleges Seek Method to Get More Students

Has anyone any ideas about how to get students, now that the draft has robbed many universities of some of their male population?

According to the Associated College Press, Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati reports that numerous institutions, "including prominent eastern colleges for men," have conducted promotional campaigns and waived limitations on the size of freshman classes to offset the losses in upper class enrollment.

Maybe that is the way to solve the problem.

Pershing Rifles To Meet Tuesday

Pershing Rifles will hold a meeting in room 208 Nebraska hall Tuesday. All men in the training unit are to report. A second tryout will be held for those who could not try out previously.

A list of new pledges will be published Thursday.

The army's new "shirt-pocket" food rations—12-ounce, condensed meals—were developed by Dr. Ansel Keys, of the University of Minnesota.

The present City College of New York was established by the state legislature 94 years ago.

Bengtson Speaks On Defense At Omaha Meet

Nels A. Bengtson, dean of the junior division, will speak on "Latin America and Hemisphere Defense" Oct. 19, at Joslyn Memorial in Omaha. He spent about three years in Latin America.

According to Professor Bengtson, the talk will deal primarily with Latin American civilization and the geographic concept of problems of hemisphere unity and defense.

Last spring Dr. Bengtson gave a series of talks to local clubs on a similar subject.

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