

Parade of Opinion

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THE CASE FOR STUDENT DEFERMENT

The cause of the draft-eligible college student is the subject of a public announcement by the presidents of Macalester and St. Thomas colleges, and Hamline university, all in St. Paul.

Addressing the general public and local draft boards, Dr. Charles J. Turck of Macalester, the Rev. James Moynihan of St. Thomas, and Dr. Charles Nelson Pace of Hamline ask that college students be given every deferment consideration by selective service boards.

Their joint statement follows in part:

"The national committee of education and defense secured from the national headquarters of the selective service system an amendment, with the full effect of 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 a cause of such hardship . . . 'to complete a course of training or instruction.'

"President Roosevelt recently said: 'America will always need men and women with college training. Government and industry alike need skilled technicians today . . .'

"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.

"In calling this matter to the attention of the public and local boards, we believe we are acting for the best interests of the country and in pursuance of a request addressed to us by Dr. Francis J. Brown of the sub-committee on military affairs of the national committee on education and defense."

The joint statement elicited a prompt "no" answer from Brig. Gen. J. E. Nelson, Minnesota selective service director, who said that blanket deferment of college students is not possible under the selective service law.

"Deferments can be granted only for students in those fields in which there is a recognized shortage, such as medicine.

"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.

First Assembly Will Bring Erb, ASUO Chiefs

Promptly at 11 o'clock Thursday morning in Gerlinger hall the first ASUO rally-assembly for all students will start off the season with a bang. Main speaker on the program will be President Donald M. Erb who will give the freshmen a few pointers on a successful academic career. ASUO President Lou Torgeson will also give a talk directed to the new students.

Earle Russell, yell king, has planned to devote the rest of the program to introducing several new yells to the student body in preparation for the coming games. HME also promises some lively humor, the exact nature of which is as yet undisclosed.

All students are urged to be on hand early so that the complete program may be presented in the time allowed.

Trade Last...

This is freshman orientation at the University of Indiana—70 upperclass women are selected by the dean of women to make "pop calls" on the freshmen coeds in the dorm. Dates are then made for each of the junior-senior councillors to meet their "charges" later in the week for individual advice and attention.

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Cal., as "Vacation Girl of 1941." To Oregon State she is a campus activity girl—secretary of the junior class and drama performer.

Amongst the thousands of students crowding the University of California campus there are 118 Smiths, 62 Jones, and 59 Browns. Also enrolled are Soohoo and Phoonphibhutane, who have no competition for names on the enrollment list.

A former eight apartment residence was purchased by the

UCLA co-operative housing association and converted into a 52 room house with modern kitchen and dining room. All rooms are already full and a huge waiting list is on the manager's desk, reports the California Daily Bruin.

Gone will be the cry "hamburger with" in the University of Nebraska's student union building. Under new management this year, the cafeteria there will offer a three-meal-a-day budget for 70 cents per.

To those students hovering on the "awkward age," the Louisiana State university has promised to refund any part of the fee that is unused if they are "caught in the draft."

Freshman coeds at Massachusetts State college have been advised to "wear a girdle unless you're a veritable sylph—the day of the hip-swinging siren coed is gone."

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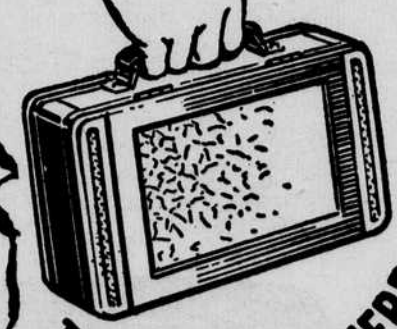


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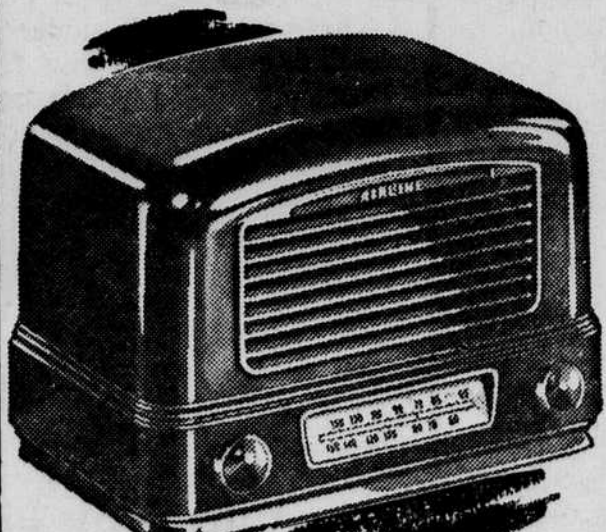


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