

Senior In Norway

By BERNADETTE DAUTH

Missing this year from the ranks of the senior class is Kathy Gardner. Kathy was chosen to be an American Field Service exchange student. She is spending her senior year in Sauda, Norway, a small town on the southwestern part of the country. Kathy arrived in Scandinavia in July and will stay there until this summer. She and several other exchange students departed from C.W. Post College on Long Island and flew to Helsinki. From there, she took a train to the Baltic Sea and crossed the waterway in ten hours.

"You could hardly move," Kathy wrote in one of her letters. "It was like 'Love Boat' without the swimming pools."

Once in Norway, Kathy spent almost three weeks in a language camp located in Torpo. Here, she learned Norwegian language and culture.

Naturally, Kathy could barely speak this native language when she arrived - which is a requirement for the AFS. The Service feels that one must learn all about a foreign country from scratch.

Kathy lives with the Raddal family, whose daughter Ingeliev was an exchange student in Missouri during her senior year. Now, she is back home for her fifth year of required study in high school.

Kathy has been introduced to several new activities since her arrival. "It's really back to nature," she said. "If you're cooking in the kitchen and don't have an onion, you just go outside and dig it up." Kathy lives on a sheep farm.

Christmas was a time very much enjoyed by Kathy. She noted that there are still signs of America, even in Norway. "It is fun to hear American music sung in Norwegian," wrote Kathy.

School in Norway is difficult for Kathy. Oftentimes, Kathy sits in a classroom not understanding anything. However, she is taking an evening class in Norwegian as a second language. Kathy is studying English at school to fulfill her graduation requirements at Northern Highlands.

AFS is based on belief that world peace can be achieved by young people. It exposes teenagers to different ways of life so that they may develop a respect, knowledge and appreciation of other world cultures. Both the Gardners and the Raddal family appreciate what it has done for Kathy and Ingeliev. If you would like to write to Kathy, her address is:

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LOOKING AT LIQUOR LAWS

By YVONNE STEVENS

Since January 1, of this year, teenagers who have reached the age of eighteen years are not allowed to buy liquor in the state of New Jersey.

The law dictating that one must be 19 in order to buy liquor was given a one year grace period before it was put into effect and was passed in hopes that it would help the drinking problem among high school students. Now the question is, will it be effective in cutting down teenage drinking, or will it just make the current drinking population find other ways to avoid the law?

After speaking with a few students, the main impression was that this new step taken by the state is going to make things a little harder but not impossible. Teenagers said that

among the ways to obtain liquor if you are underage is to show a fake identification or driver's license, have a friend or sibling buy it, or have it delivered and accepted by a mature kid. "If kids are buying it illegally now, then a law like that isn't going to stop them," pointed out one junior.

But that might not necessarily be true. A senior said that sellers are beginning to proof more, so the kids that only have a fake I.D. and no double and triple proof (extra identification) are getting turned away. He thinks that the results the state wants to see will become obvious in a year or two. He explained, "When the legal 18 year olds go to college in September, there won't be many kids left in school who will be legal. Also they're starting to put pictures on

es, and that's it even harder for younger kids."

One thing the authorities were worried about was having drunk 18 year olds driving back from New York state where they were allowed to drink. Since many New York bars are so close, there are some seniors who said they would start frequenting those places. They feel that after the law has been broken in, bartenders and liquor store managers will cut down on proofing and they'll be able to go back to their old habits.

It seems as though the law will cause some repercussions, but overall, students are optimistic that their drinking habits will be satiated regardless. Confided one student, who wished to remain anonymous, "The law isn't going to stop me, and I'm sure it's not going to stop many others."

vacationing in the u.s. and abroad

By JIM STEVENS

Travel by Americans is down, and the cost of travel up, according to the latest figures from the U.S. Travel Data Center. Vacation trips in particular, the Center says, declined 8 percent during the third quarter of 1980.

Mexico City remains one of the best travel bargains in the world. From food, to lodging, to bargaining with the natives, Mexico City is by far the cheapest and most popular city around. Financial Times of London found only seven cities to be less expensive than Mexico City: Karachi, Pakistan; Belgrad, Yugoslavia; Colombo, Ceylon; Lisbon, Portugal; Nicosia, Cyprus; Salisbury, Rhodesia; and Peking. Accommodations are surprisingly inexpensive and meals amazingly economical. The Mexican Tourist Council says that a first class hotel room costs an average of \$23-30 in Mexico City.

Another very popular winter tropical vacationing spot is Puerto Rico. Although there is not much to do or see, the airlines along with hotels and dining contribute to a very expensive sunny weekend away. Puerto Rican vacations are designed solely to accommodate rest and relaxation for the wealthy jet-set.

Jamaica carries many traits of Puerto Rico with a little less expense, a nicer crowd, and ultimately, the English language. The blue water and hot sandy beaches guarantee serenity.

For the more aggressive tourist, who doesn't mind the cold, there is Canada. Quebec, a French speaking province, has probably the best skiing available--close to the border. Canada also has a skiing advantage of not being as crowded as some North Eastern (U.S.) resorts because of lack of advertising and warm-

er conditions. Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire provide most of the skiers on the east coast a place to ski--if you can find a parking space. These three states are terribly overcrowded during the winter, which can only lead to expense. However the skiing is excellent and conditions are usually promising.

Utah is the ideal place for the wealthy skier, who prefers less cold and crowds. Utah boasts readily available helicopter-ski lifts to the snowy mountain tops. The runs are about 3 hours long and one or two trips in the helicopter each day supplies a sufficient amount of skiing for even the most ravenous skier.

Although the cost of travel is increasing, and less people are vacationing, there are many beautiful spots to visit to fulfill your vacation dreams.

THE DRAFT: OPINIONS

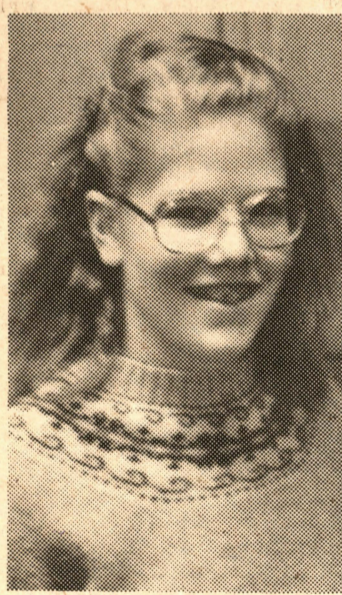
By ANN CAPORLINGUA

The possibility of the draft is now becoming a concern of many high school students. Presented here are the opinions of some students, of age to register:



Gordon MacPherson

"In 1939, a peacetime draft was passed. It was passed by one vote. As a result, we sent killing machines into World War II with inexperienced boys. Of course, I'm for the draft."



Linda Pasi

"I think it should be necessary if it's not, no one will go. I think they should be drafted but not into open combat."



Peter Mone

"It's good, but I don't think America should go to war for allies. For a definite cause for this country I'd go to war. Since women want equal rights, they should be involved with it, too."



Judy Filardo

"I think it should be mandatory. We are probably going to be going into a war with Iran and it would be honorable to fight. I think it shouldn't be mandatory for women, only men, because it will pose a problem for husband and wife with children."



Rich Harfst

"Personally, I don't want to go. I don't think you need a draft, but you should make the army more attractive. I don't think there should be registration without a draft."

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