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AGAINST COMPULSORY R. O. T. C.

Penn State students of all classes are against compulsory military training as it is now conducted here. There can be no doubt that R. O. T. C. under present conditions is objectionable and comparatively useless in most instances to those who take it.

Not does this mean that Penn State has turned pacifistic. Penn State students still believe in reasonable defense, still laugh at the "peace at all costs" radicals. It means that Penn State's undergraduates have come to realize the futility of marching and drilling under compulsion to no avail.

"An average young American with a fourteen-year mind and an eighth grade education can qualify as an expert with any weapon issued to the American Army within fifteen days after his induction into the military service. During the same time he can be hardened to follow his command, whether afoot, ahorse, or in the back seat of an automobile.

Only twenty percent of the basic students pass up to the advanced course, so that eighty percent of all this effort is wasted. And thirty thousand young college graduates with two years military instruction under federal supervision and at government expense pass out of these schools every year with no obligation to serve the country in case of emergency.

These statements by a seasoned army officer are an indication of the acceptance, even in military circles, that R. O. T. C. training is at present almost worthless. Major General Hagoood would improve all such classes; but there is another alternative, one which would fulfill the moral obligations of the college and at the same time eliminate these courses, whose value even with improvement, is doubtful.

We must admit the fact that Penn State, at a time when armed military protection was stressed, obligated itself to contribute to national safety. At that time, such a contribution involved primarily furnishing a supply of reserve officers in combat branches of the service.

Yet Penn State today can do far more in other branches of service than could ever have been done before. Its facilities are greater; its opportunities to serve in chemical warfare, supply department courses, and the like, makes the puny assistance which can be offered by a thousand reluctant and half-trained students who have been forced to become soldiers for three hours a week insignificant in comparison.

This truth is becoming widely recognized. Dean E. M. Freeman, of the University of Minnesota, declares: "In spite of any claims made for the educational values of our present basic drill, one fact remains clear: that we are not now attempting to adjust that training to the collegiate professional training or to the wide range of possibilities of service which the tremendous array of students in the basic courses throughout the land presents."

Can that not be accomplished at Penn State? National defense measures adjusted in worthwhile channels, will receive genuine cooperation. With Penn State's wide array of technical courses it is certainly conceivable that such a contribution can be made. For this reason, the obviously objectionable features of compulsory drill should make way for a new era in Penn State's service to the nation's safety in time of war.

OLD MANIA

AN OPEN LEDERER or JUSTICE BY EUGENE

In a recent issue of a Philadelphia newspaper appeared an item which described Eugene H. Lederer, Burgess of State College, Pa., as a "modern Solomon."

"College boys are all right, and I'm glad to say that they give us very little trouble," the Burgess is quoted as saying. The article goes on to tell how Mr. Lederer generally substitutes fatherly advice for fines, and often prescribes "regular attendance at Sunday school, or church for the rest of the College course" instead of "\$30 or thirty days."

The above description, though, is very general, and we'd like to give you a specific example of the manner in which the magnanimous Mr. Lederer gently corrects the erring student. For instance:

During the past rushing season, one Norman M. Sladkin '31, in company of a rushee, was riding a rented horse down College Avenue. The rushee took his steed up over the sidewalk in order to take a short cut through the alley adjoining the Burgess's office. Sladkin followed. At this point, the noble Burgess appeared, verbal altercation ensued, and the lad's found themselves under arrest.

The two felons were brought to a hearing on September 29. The freshman was discharged, and Sladkin fined \$12.50 or twelve days. Sladkin wrote a check for the amount of the fine. The Burgess held the check for five days, and by the time he got around to having it cashed, the bank (one of those Philadelphia banks) had gone under, and the check was returned. As is generally the case with people whose banks fail, the arch-criminal Sladkin found himself financially crippled, and was unable to raise the amount of the fine.

So Mr. Yougel appeared at Sladkin's fraternity house last Friday and removed Sladkin to the county jail at Bellefonte. Here the felonious sophomore was interned with several choice hoboes, one murderer, and any number of carnivorous bed-bugs, until the next day, when several of his fraternity brothers came to his rescue and paid his fine.

The Modern Solomon refunded fifty cents of this in view of the night spent in chancery, proving that a rough exterior oft hides a heart of gold.

However, Mr. Yougel called up Sladkin yesterday and informed him that he still owed the borough five dollars for transportation to Bellefonte and meals.

We used to think that the Solomon was a fish—with a peculiar odor. Now we're positive.

And now that the College has a Committee on Unemployment, we suggest that their first move be the hiring of someone to clean the snow and slush from the campus walks.

Or, if that's asking too much, the Campus Cops might be equipped with shovels. As long as we have them, why not use them?

Up at Darnmouth the students are taxed by the town of Hanover on the grounds that they are residents of the town for nine months of the year. Naturally, this does not get a big hand from the student body.

So at a recent town meeting the student body attended en masse and passed two measures. The first provided for a town hall one yard wide and a mile high, construction to be started immediately. The second provided for a wall to be built around the town, the height of the wall to be not less than eight miles.

At present the citizenry of Hanover is in quite an uproar, but a petition is being prepared to be sent to Washington in an attempt to overrule the bills.

THE MANIAC

Who's Dancing

- Tonight
Delta Upsilon (Invitation)
Bill Bottoff
Men's Dormitories At Varsity Hall (Invitation)
Joe Malloy
Phi Epsilon Pi (Invitation)
Varsity Ten
Phi Kappa Tau (Open)
Blue and White
Theta Kappa Phi (Closed)
Campus Owls
Tomorrow Night
Alpha Phi Sigma (Invitation)
Bill Bottoff
DeMolay at Acacia (Subscription)
Joe Malloy
Delta Tau Delta (Closed)
Ernie Rutswell
Kappa Sigma (Closed)
Town Trollers
Phi Kappa Psi (Invitation)
Campus Owls
Phi Lambda Theta (Invitation)
Carl Eddie
Sigma Phi Alpha (Open)
Bill Snyder
Theta Nu Epsilon (Closed)
Blue and White
Theta Xi (Closed)
Varsity Ten

CATHAUM A Warner Brothers Picture

Note: For gift purposes, special Christmas Ticket Books at \$1.00 and \$2.00 are on sale at the box office. A most acceptable gift. Ask about them.

FRIDAY—Gary Cooper, Claudette Colbert in "HIS WOMAN"

Masquers' Club Comedy

SATURDAY—Jimmie Gleason, Robert Armstrong, Bill Boyd, Ginger Rogers in "SUICIDE FLEET"

MONDAY and TUESDAY—Eddie Cantor, Charlotte Greenwood in "PALMY DAYS"

WEDNESDAY—Wallace Beery, Jackie Cooper in "THE CHAMP"

THURSDAY—Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy, in their feature length comedy "PARDON US"

NITTANY THEATRE

FRIDAY—"OVER THE HILL"

SATURDAY—"HIS WOMAN"

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY—Lionel Barrymore, Kay Francis in "GUILTY HANDS"

THURSDAY—"THE CHAMP"

BAUDER DESIGNATES 15 AS BLAZER COMMITTEE

Lee '33 Named Chairman of Group Arranging for Class Coats

Fifteen juniors were named to the Junior Blazer committee by Harry A. Bauder, president of the Class of 1933, last night.

The committee designated to make arrangements for the class jackets includes: Robert J. Lee, chairman, Aril G. Anderson, Jesse H. Brewster, Wayland F. Dunaway III, Albert A. Frey, and Henry W. Fuchant.

David Goodman, Robert E. Gray, Edward J. Kenzina, Robert M. Maxwell, LaRay A. Rhoads, Oliver M. Sheaffer, Charles H. Stuteley, Mark A. Zeller, and Ernest Zeto complete the list of those whom Bauder named to serve on the group.

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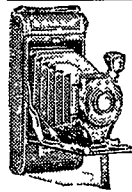
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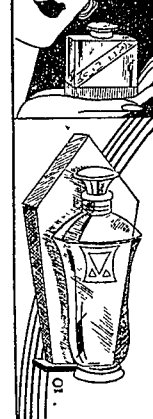
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\$1.00 Squibb's Cod Liver Oil 73c
1 qt. Olive Oil .77c
1 pt. R. & D. Agar .89c
1 pt. Alcohol .39c
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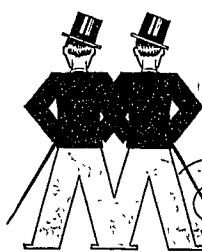
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