

Study Habits Course Aids Ex-GI's In Making Adjustments To College

Students often complain about a course but when they shower praise on one—that's news!

A group of ex-servicemen, all taking education 105, unanimously give it a big "o. k.". Offered by the department of English composition, and taught by Dr. Agnes R. McElwee, assistant professor of English composition, the course has four objectives: to increase vocabulary, to improve spelling ability, to develop proper study habits, and to improve reading skills. It meets two hours a week and offers no credit.

But according to the seven ex-GI's interviewed it is extremely worthwhile.

Said Don Myers, a veteran of six years, and a commerce and finance student, "The course has been worth a million to me. It's taught me how to get back in the groove and really study."

Course Procedure

Rodney Morris, just returned to school after three and one-half years in the coast guard and naval air corps, explained the course procedure. "Our English placement tests showed us where we stood in comparison to other freshmen. We found out what branches we were poor in, and then were divided into groups—spelling, vocabulary, study habits, and reading. We were helped to improve these deficiencies."

He went on to say that while it formerly took him six hours a day to do his assignments, it now takes only three hours to learn the same amount of material.

The men all agreed that educa-

tion 105 was extremely helpful in bridging the gap between military life and a college education.

As Edwin Abernathy, a commerce and finance student, said "The course has helped me in that I've been away from the books for five years. It has given me an opportunity to get back in the swing of things."

Develops Confidence

An important point, stressed by most of the men, was that by correcting their study deficiencies, they had developed confidence in their ability to compete satisfactorily with younger boys who have just been graduated from high school, and have not had to stop their educations for any considerable length of time.

Sanford Beyer, now in lower division, after nine years away from school, put it this way, "I never knew the difference between reading and study. I have found out how to study—the right way to attack a text book—through Dr. McElwee's method of reading. I think this opportunity should be brought to the attention of all ex-GI's."

"A shot in the arm," was the way Donald Carson, a lower division student with four and one-half years of army life behind him, described the course. "It's helped me in reading, particularly, but I think the whole course is mighty fine, especially for ex-GI's. We're rather rusty all around and it helps polish off that rust."

Teaches Study Habits

Arthur Whittier, a pre-vet stud-

ent after four years in the army, said, "The course familiarizes you with how to study in college. I think it should be taught in high school and should be a required subject for all frosh. It helps in every course."

An agricultural economics student, Henry Watt, recently returned to school after an absence of five years, found that he had been particularly helped in building up his vocabulary, and in forming good study habits.

Dr. McElwee is as enthusiastic about the course as are her students, and feels that there are a great many people on campus, particularly returning ex-servicemen, who don't know about this opportunity to help themselves acclimate themselves more easily to college studies. It will be offered again next semester, time and place being listed in the College catalogue.

As proof of the popularity of the course, this statement should speak for itself: although education 105 offers no credit, and is not required, there has been almost perfect attendance every hour this semester, and when there are absences, there are also good excuses.

German Students Form New Conversation Club

Organization of the German Conversation Club took place in Room 305, Old Main, Wednesday night. Officers for the club, which is under the direction of Prof. Ralph Woods, are Fred Huehnergarth, president, and Irma Masley, secretary.

Plans for the next meeting to be held in two weeks will be made by a committee consisting of Jeane Bradshaw, Corinne Berkebile, Marlies Muller, and Ralph Peter.

Interfaith Holds Joint Meeting

The Interfaith Council is sponsoring a meeting at the Hillel Foundation, 133 W. Beaver avenue, 7:30 o'clock tonight. All Penn State students are invited. Members of the Lutheran Student Association, the Hillel Foundation, and all other student church foundations will attend, with Pastor Edwerth E. Korte and Rabbi Benjamin Kahn officiating. The program will begin with the regular Hebrew services, following which Rabbi Kahn and Pastor Korte will act as the experts in answering any and all questions on Judaism and Christianity.

"This meeting," said Rabbi Kahn, "will give both Christians and Jews a chance to better understand each others religions."

Following the services and the forum, there will be a reception by the Hillel Interfaith Committee.

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FOR SALE—Evening gown. Never worn. Size 12, white net. For details call Bernice Kurland, 1st floor Jordan.

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PERSONAL—Kenny from Barracks 22, please call Bebe at Van-Tries.

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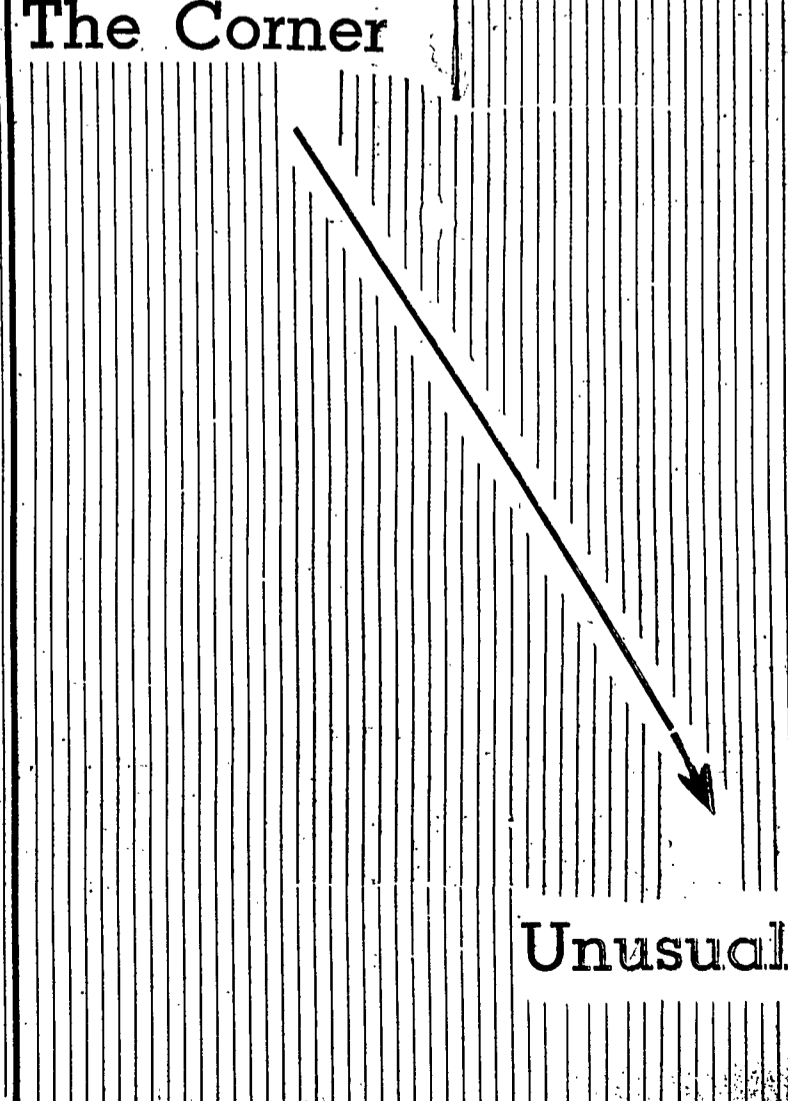
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