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Veterans Unjustified In Phys Ed Gripes

Just before Thanksgiving vacation, the Daily Collegian printed a story which contained explanations by Physical Education school Dean Ernest B. McCoy of why Korean veterans should not be exempt from College courses, particularly, physical education and health courses.

This story was based on a letter McCoy sent to All-College Cabinet in explanation of the Phys Ed school's view on the exemptions. McCoy emphasized in his letter that the school was "completely opposed" to any exemptions.

Since the appearance of the story two letters from veterans have been received and printed in the Daily Collegian. Both these letters, one signed by the acting president of the Penn State Veterans Club, were complaints against McCoy's opposition.

Although maturity is evidenced by both writers, it should be pointed out that their reasons for wanting exemptions are, in some cases, not-too-adult.

For example, one of the veterans says he wants to be exempted because World War II veterans were not required to take these courses. In addition to being a kind of "me-too" philosophy, this request implies that no changes in curricular activities at Penn State should be made "because they weren't done before."

Both veterans who wrote letters rhetorically asked McCoy if ROTC courses were not examples of exemptions. (McCoy said the College makes no exceptions in other courses, and therefore there is no reason for exempting students from phys ed and similar courses).

Of course, veterans and many other students are exempted from ROTC, but it should be remembered that ROTC is not a course of the College but is a course of the United States Government. If anyone doubts this, he may ask the ROTC department—they will point out with impunity that they are not really a part of the LA School.

Mr. Hanania, one of the veterans who wrote a letter, says that McCoy "uses a poor parallel" when he says a soldier who travels around the world is not exempt from geography and so a veteran who has some physical training should not be exempt from phys ed. Mr. Hanania misses the point.

Regardless of the previous experience of a person who enrolls as a regular student at the College, he should be required to take the courses prescribed by the College as long as the College rules say so. An exception in the case of phys ed is no more in order than an exception in thermodynamics.

This afternoon the College Senate, an administrative group which has the final word on such

things, will hear a report of its committee on academic standards from Prof. Lawrence Perez, chairman. This report will probably urge that no exemptions be given and the Senate will act upon the committee suggestion.

This action, if and when taken by the Senate, will be a turn-about from the action of All-College Cabinet which publicly suggested that veterans be exempt.

We believe cabinet was in error in taking its perhaps hasty and certainly not-too-well thought-through action. The mature veteran student should be content with the College's requirements. He knew about them before he enrolled.

—Marshall O. Donley

Safety Valve— Phys Ed Plan Disputed

TO THE EDITOR: This letter, which is in reply to the article "Veterans' Phys Ed Exemptions Hit," is written by a veteran and therefore subject to bias, but certainly no more so than the views of Dean McCoy set forth in the Nov. 21 issue of the Daily Collegian.

Some of Dean McCoy's reasons for not wanting to exempt vets from physical education are seemingly excellent. However, of those reasons listed in the Daily Collegian, a few will bear close examination. Certainly some of the reasons tend to put the veteran of today in a class lower than a freshman, if such a class exists.

The dean said that credits are not given veterans for any other course they do not take at the College. Could it be that he has overlooked ROTC?

I know that I and other veterans have received six credits for this course. "No other college grants this exemption," another reason of the dean, according to the article, I simply refuse to believe, mainly because I know of schools that do grant exemptions.

If so many veterans of the last war elected to take physical education even though they were exempted, why not let the vets of the Korean War choose if they want to take it? The training given me in the service may not have been exactly in line with the physical education program here at Penn State, but I had four years of it. This is more time than was spent in the service by many of the World War II veterans who were exempted.

I was in Korea, and now I'm back in school trying to acquire a long-deferred academic education. I'm also well over 21 years old, and I think I'm old enough to know how my time can most profitably be spent.

—Richard W. Smith

Gazette...

Thursday, December 4

AIR FORCE HONOR GUARD, Armory, class A uniform, flights 1 and 2 at 7 p.m., flights 3 and 4 at 8 p.m.

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA, Grange basement, 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 304 Old Main, 6:45 p.m.

DEMOLAY MEETING, 208 Willard, 7 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB, lecture-discussion, "Saving the Unborn Child," 107 Willard, 7:15 p.m.

NITTANY GROTTO, 316 Frear, 7:30 p.m.

PLAYER'S TECHNICAL WORKSHOP, loft, Schwab Auditorium, 7 p.m.

WRA BRIDGE CLUB, White Hall game room, 7 p.m.

WRA OFFICIALS CLUB, 2 White Hall, 6:30 p.m.

WRA SWIMMERS CLUB, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m., beginners, 6:30 p.m.

WRA HOCKEY CLUB, Holmes Field, 4 p.m.

YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUB, executive committee, 164 McCormick avenue, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Budd Co. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in E.E. and M.E., Dec. 11.

Bendix Products Division will interview January B.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., C.E., and aero eng., Dec. 10.

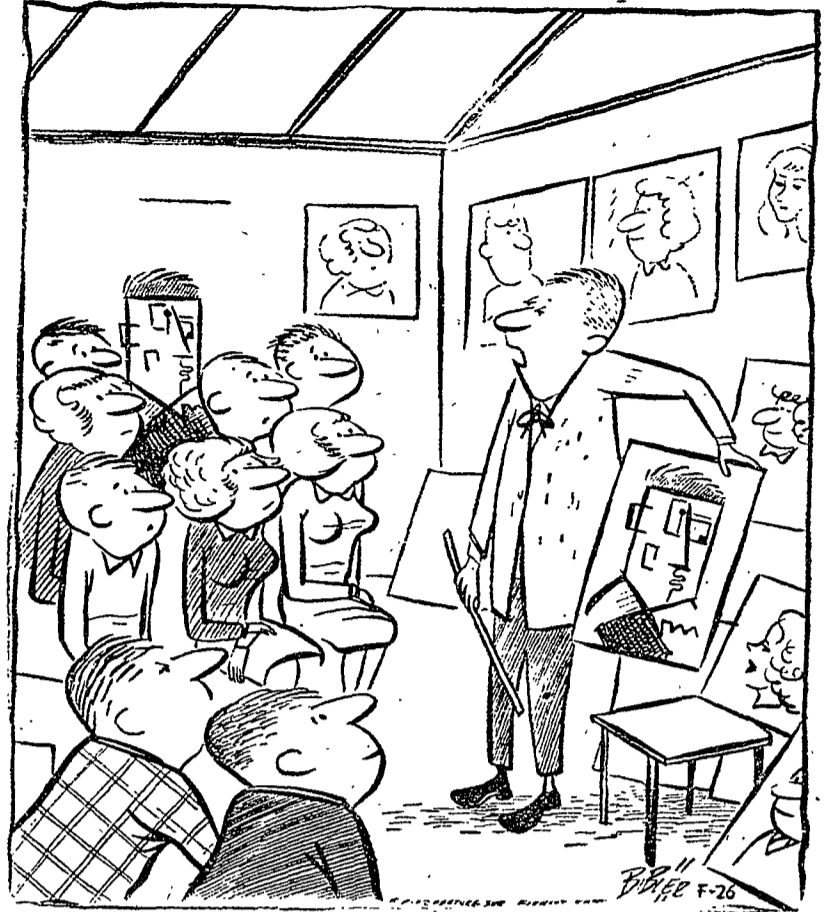
Rural Electrification Administration of U. S. Dept. of Agriculture will interview January B.S. candidates in E.E., Dec. 17.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Couple to work for room and board. Boy to work from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. three evenings per week in restaurant.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Who th' heck turned this in for criticism?"

Talk About Monopoly Football

By JIM GROMILLER



Several weeks ago this paper carried a small item on its front page indicating that the College had turned down an offer of the Dumont television network to televise the Pitt-Penn State game giving for its reason that acceptance would violate the TV formula set up by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The College cannot be criticized for its action in view of the fact that all nine other schools approached turned down similar offers during the season—Columbia, Navy, North Carolina State, Pittsburgh, Yale, Harvard, Virginia, Washington and Lee, and Princeton.

Then, after the offers were declined, Dr. Allen B. Dumont made his survey public. "We did not bid on the restricted NCAA football program for 1952 because we are opposed to monopoly and because we believe the NCAA plan is illegal and against the public interest," he said.

"We addressed our request to the institutions themselves rather than to NCAA because we believe that under our American system they should have the right to make their own decisions," his statement continued. "We doubt that many heads of America's educational institutions realize the extent to which . . . (they) have sur-

rendered . . . to a collectivist type of activity which disregards public interest and subscribes to the principle of enforcement by boycott," he said.

That was the charge, and with it came indications that a great deal of planning was in store for the NCAA before a policy could be settled on for next year.

The threat of NCAA's boycott power without a doubt kept each of these colleges from giving a second thought to the Dumont offer. Broadcasting-Telecasting magazine, the pulse-beat of the radio-TV industry, indicates there is growing sentiment in TV and advertising circles in favor of putting up the first serious resistance to the NCAA monopoly. NCAA and opponents of the college TV plan have carried on a running fight over anti-trust aspects of the monopoly, and the subject has received serious attention. (Continued on page eight)

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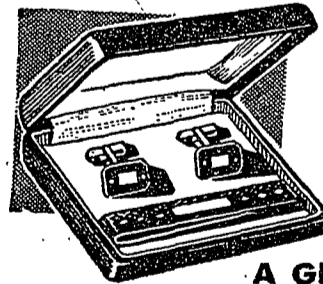
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