

Editorials

First Things First

The majority of the members of All-University Cabinet Thursday night seemed confused on the real issue facing them.

The real issue was not whether a School of Military Science should be included in College of the Liberal Arts. The real issue was not whether civil defense training should be incorporated in the ROTC program or in the physical education program.

The real issue, simply, was: Should ROTC be compulsory?

This is not an issue which needs weeks and weeks of study before it is debated.

Before we can decide on whether ROTC should be compulsory we should take a look at the reasons courses should be required.

•Courses should be required if they contribute significantly to the general education of a student.

•Courses should be required if they contribute to the well-being of the student.

•And some courses should be required if they contribute to the well-being of the country as a whole.

The reason for compulsory ROTC falls mainly under the third reason: contribution to the well-being of the country as a whole. The main reason for ROTC is to turn out officers for the armed services.

Therefore, the question boils down to whether an elective ROTC program would significantly decrease the number of officers the services receive from Penn State and whether the benefits from an elective ROTC program to the armed forces outweigh the benefits of a compulsory program.

We feel that an elective ROTC program need not significantly decrease the number of officers the services receive from Penn State. Maybe the services would have to do a better selling job to get the students to elect the program, but the students who are interested in obtaining a commission will probably elect it, with about the same number of officers being turned out.

However, we feel the main advantage of an elective program for the services lies in the possibility of obtaining better officers. If ROTC had only the students who wanted to be officers in the program, the quality of the instruction could undoubtedly be raised. There is also a better chance for the services to obtain more career officers.

And what really gets us is that the Defense Department doesn't appear to be too concerned over whether ROTC programs are compulsory or elective. It leaves this decision up to the colleges and universities which provide the program. At least two land-grant colleges just "offer" the program.

Then, this issue—should ROTC be compulsory?—must be answered by Cabinet before the other aspects of the issue can be studied and debated.

Once this question is answered, then Cabinet can turn to the minor aspects of the issue and decide them, in accordance with its original decision on whether ROTC should be compulsory.

Cabinet should take first things first.

Men are generally more careful of the breed of their horses and dogs than of their children.—William Penn

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Safety Valve

ROTC Criticism Called 'Prattle'

TO THE EDITOR: The Liberal Arts Student Council and The Daily Collegian display definite symptoms of prattling kneecap liberalism. Their criticism of the present and proposed ROTC-CD programs has the impact and content of a ping pong ball dribbling from its own momentum in a gravity-less vacuum.

The solution to the unsatisfactory ROTC-CD program does not lie in negative attacks upon a proposal which is generally worthy but specifically inadequate.

The contemporary and probable future world political structure emphatically points up the necessity of a program which fulfills the very important responsibilities it implicitly embodies.

These responsibilities are (1) preparing individuals to accept the job of maintaining and strengthening America's position in the world power struggle, insofar as our posture of military strength applies, and (2) preparing individuals to exist and survive at home should we be plunged into the ashen of an atomic incinerator.

Perhaps the solution lies in an improved all-service version of the Navy's program of concentrating all the instruction, training facilities and economic benefit upon those students who desire it and are capable.

The Navy has proven students are willing to voluntarily accept a rigorous curriculum competently instructed if the economic consideration is sufficient and the program meritorious.

The Daily Collegian and the LA Student Council should exercise the responsibility of positive action which accompanies intelligence instead of engaging in immature sensationalism.

—Edward W. Erickson, '59

Collegian Partial During Election?

TO THE EDITOR: We would like to thank you for the election you have just handed the Campus party. We feel that your articles concerning compulsory ROTC had a tremendous effect on the outcome of the recent election.

We are not writing this letter from the viewpoint of "sore losers," but we believe if the articles had not appeared the outcome of the election would have been different. We feel that you have lowered our once great newspaper's standard by your action.

—Signed by 18 students

Gazette

TODAY
"Carnival of Thieves," 8 p.m., Center Stage
Dancers of India, 9:30 p.m., Schwab Auditorium
TOMORROW
Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab Auditorium
Organ Recital, George E. Ceiga, 4 p.m., Schwab Auditorium
Hillel Lox and Bagel Brunch, 11 a.m., Foundation
Hillel Folk Dancing, 2 p.m., Foundation
Newman Club Open House, 8 p.m., Student Center
Wesley Foundation, 3 p.m., Chapel
Wesley Foundation Fireside Forum, 6:15 p.m., Foundation
Lutheran Student Association, 6:30 p.m., Student Center
Protestant Service of Worship, 9 a.m., Chapel
Reception and Art Exhibit, Samuel C. Sabeau, 3 p.m., Hetzel Union galleries
MONDAY
Faculty Luncheon Club, noon, dining room
"A" Hetzel Union
French Club, 7:30 p.m., HEC Living Center
Hillel Freshman Council, 6:30 p.m., Foundation
Hillel TV Film Forum Series, 7:30 p.m., Foundation auditorium
WEEKEND ON WDFM
Saturday Evening—6:45: Sign on and News; 7:00: Hi Fi Open House; 9:00: Campus Beat; 11:30: News and Sign-off.
Sunday Evening—6:45: Sign on and News; 7:00: The Third Programme; 11:30: News and Sign-off.
Monday Evening—6:45: Sign on, News and Market Reports; 7:00: The People Act; 7:25: Behind the Lectern; 7:50: State News and National Sports; 8:00: Sounds in the Night; 8:30: Greek Quiz; 9:00: Campus News and Sports; 9:15: First Freedom; 9:30: Marquee Memories; 10:00: National and International News; 10:30: Symphonic Notebook; 11:00: News and Sign-off.

Professional Engineers Hear Perez at Meeting
Lawrence Perez, professor of civil engineering and assistant dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, last night addressed a dinner meeting of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers at Bethlehem.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Yeah?—well you shoulda smelled this locker room before TV."

Fourth for Bridge

By Roger B. Saylor

The Bridge Club had its biggest turnout of the year, 15 tables, for its master point game Monday evening. The game was conducted in two sections with Stephen Billstein and Sheldon de Satnick the Section A winners and Donald Stitzel and Anthony Anastas winners in Section B.

The hand below was one which proved disastrous for the declarer when he gambled on the type of a preemptive bid which sometimes pays off handsomely and other times backfires badly.

West dealer; north-south vulnerable.

Table with bidding information: North S-KQJ103, H-J965, D-Q92, C-Q; West S-72, H-AQ104, D-10654, C-1053; East S-A98654, H-K3, D-8, C-K752; South S-none, H-872, D-AKJ78, C-AJ964; Bidding: North East South West Pass 8S Pass Pass Double All Pass

After passes by west and north, east took note that the opponents were vulnerable and his side was not. He also pieced together the thoughts of the two passes up to him and his six-card spade suit, broken down though it was. He decided that south must hold some real values and also that his side could not have sufficient values to make a game contract. East bid three spades as an attempt to make it is difficult as possible for the opponents to reach their best contract. South had some good values, as suspected, but not enough to come into the bidding at the four level. North was most happy to double the three-spade bid. South led the diamond king

and followed with the ace, which declarer ruffed.

East cashed his king, queen, and ace of hearts, discarding a club on the last of these. Then he led a club towards the king, hoping to find the ace in the east hand. However, north played the queen, declarer the king, and south won with his ace. He then led another diamond which declarer ruffed.

Now the ace of trump was led, and the horrible trump break was revealed as south unloaded a small club. That was the end. Declarer got no more tricks for down three and a minus 500 score.

It was small consolation that north-south could, as the cards were located, make three no-trump for a plus 600 score (100 for tricks plus 500 for a vulnerable game). Only one north-south pair got into this hard-to-bid contract.

Preemptive bids have long been considered two-edged swords, and this hand resulted in the user being hurt.

Blue Key Society Initiates Eighteen

Eighteen men have been initiated into Blue Key, junior men's hat society.

They are: Richard Rost, Gerald Carlson, Thomas Burns, Arthur Bell, Marvin Resnick, Samuel Fleming, Arthur Cooper, Marilyn Babenold, Phil Bostley, Charles Goodling, Lamartine Hood, Melvin Rex, Joseph Patton, David Morrow, Louis Phillips, David Allison, John Yeosock and Danjel Friday.

