

Behind the ROTC Question

Compulsory Military Training Dates Back to Civil War Era

By PAT EVANS Third of a Series

Although the University's military training originally was established on a voluntary basis, compulsory training has been a tradition since the end of the Civil War.

Dr. Evan Pugh, first president of the University "put . . . our boys under military training so that if called upon . . . they will not be ignorant of drill as too many of those who have been sent off already."

The Morrill Act, approved by Congress in 1862, provided federal assistance for colleges and universities which would offer military training in addition to courses in agriculture and mechanical arts.

The College accepted the Morrill Act's terms and fulfilled the terms until the end of the Civil War by offering training on a voluntary basis to students. In 1862 the participants bought a flag and a drum and made wooden rifles for practice sessions.

By 1865 an armory had been set up in Old Main, with equipment supplied by the state. President William H. Allen officially established a compulsory military program.

Dress for drill was "a fatigue suit of blue cloth to include a jacket or round about waist coat and trousers with blue buttons without military trimming and a black felt hat with a rim 2 1/2 inches wide."

In 1870 the uniform became a required item of dress for Sunday chapel and all special occasions. By 1872, after coeds had arrived on campus, regulations required each male student five feet or over "to have a dress uniform of cadet gray with a black hat."

These uniforms cost about \$35. Male students under five feet were not permitted to wear the dress uniform. They had to provide themselves with "an undress uniform of sack cloth, vest, and pantaloons of cadet gray and a forage cape of blue cloth."

By 1873 guard mounts were being held daily and sentinels were on duty until 10 p.m. each night in the University halls. Weekly dress parades and daily inspection quarters were held.

The University's first regular Army officer, 1st Lt. Walter Howe, arrived in 1877. During the Spanish American War, President George W. Atherton donned a uni-

form and commanded the student cadets.

The Armory was built in 1888 at a cost of \$27,000. It was constructed to serve 200 cadets.

By 1912 instructions in military science were under the supervision of the War Department, which appointed a commandant of 3-year intervals.

The ROTC program was begun in 1917. An article in tomorrow's Daily Collegian will give the history of military training at the University since then.

Ed Students Will Attend Convention

The Education Student Council has agreed to send delegates to the Eastern Association of Professional Teachers conference to be held in Lock Haven.

David Faust, senior in special education from Harrisburg, on Tuesday told council the only way to decide if the College of Education should join the organization is to attend the conference to see what its members do.

The association is made up of eastern colleges of education who meet to compare ideas and activities and discuss common problems.

John R. Rackley, Dean of the College of Education said the College will pay the \$25 dues if the council decided to join.

The council agreed there is a need for an introductory booklet about the College of Education to be sent to incoming freshmen and members felt it would be feasible with financial and organizational help from the faculty.

Sandra Grotzky, junior in elementary education from Glen Lyon, said the faculty was in favor of sending a booklet. She will take Council's ideas to the faculty.

Discussion on the Big-Little Sister program was tabled until a committee further investigates the plan.

Atomic Commission Grants Prof \$2095

A \$2095 grant from the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission is enabling Dr. Ralph P. Seward, professor of chemistry, to study the behavior of fused sodium hydroxide.

Seward is investigating the amount of various substances that will dissolve in fused sodium hydroxide and the rates of some chemical changes occurring in substances dissolved in liquid sodium hydroxide.

APhiO Elects Saurman Head

Kenneth Saurman, senior in arts and letters from Allentown, has been elected president of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, for the spring semester.

Other officers are: Frank Saurman, first vice president; Wayne Lippman, second vice president; John Streeter, third vice president; Edward Blackhurst; recording secretary; Frederick Greenleaf, treasurer; Charles Skopic, historian; John Hunt, corresponding secretary; James Cober, alumni secretary; and Robert Stewart, sergeant at arms.

Schilling to Speak To Grad Faculty

Dr. Harold K. Schilling, dean of the Graduate School, will address the members of the graduate faculty at 4:10 p.m. today in 121 Sparks.

His subject is "Recent Trends and Problems in Graduate Education." Schilling will report on discussions at a recent meeting of the Council on Graduate Work of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and State Universities.

He also will discuss trends evident in reports of other conferences. Members of all University faculties and graduate students may attend.

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