

Behind the ROTC Question

ROTC Program Begun in 1917; Statues 'Available', Participants Now Number 5000 But 'of No Value'

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Fourth of a Series

Student cadets have been marching in front of Old Main for military training ever since the early 1860's, but an actual ROTC program was established for the first time in 1917, in the days of World War I.

The University's ROTC program today is one of the largest in the East. There are about 4200 participants on campus and about 800 at the University centers.

President Edwin E. Sparks applied on Sept. 1, 1917 for what was to be the first ROTC unit at the Pennsylvania State College. The application was the result of a provision of the National Defense Act, approved by Congress in 1916. The act authorized the setting up of ROTC units at civil educational institutions.

Sparks' application was accepted by the Secretary of War, and an infantry unit of the ROTC was established with the beginning of the 1919-20 school year.

During World War I a student army training corps was set up, under an agreement with the Department of War. But the war ended before the program had really begun, and ROTC was re-established.

Uniforms worn in ROTC's early days by cadets in basic training included breeches with wrap-around leggings. The advanced cadets wore breeches and boots with spurs. They carried sabers. The uniforms were changed to a more modern style in 1938.

The University's Department of Military Science and Tactics is now among the 10 largest Army ROTC programs in the United States. The total number of cadets, including those at the centers, is 1098. There are 1098 in the basic course on campus.

Ralph Dorn Hetzel was president of the College when it applied in 1945 to the Department of the Navy for a Naval ROTC unit. There are about 400 in Naval Science. NROTC operates only on the main campus.

Air Force ROTC was established on campus in 1949. The program was completely revised in 1954 when a new curriculum was set up. The Air Force cadet corps now has 2649 members. It is the third largest of about 180 corps in the United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The program is offered on campus and at the Hazleton and Altoona centers. Freshmen and sophomore participants total 2439.

Arnold Authors Article In Engineering Journal

Christian K. Arnold, staff assistant to President Eric A. Walker and associate professor of engineering research, is the author of an article in the November issue of the Journal of Engineering Education.

Smith's barber shop

Ah me... the life of a razor! Take for instance this weekend. I'd love to go to the Pitt game but I just can not find a long enough extension cord. I'll still be (pardon the pun) "shearing" our team, though.

If you're going to the game or if you're staying home, drop in to see me. With the help of Smith's barbers, I'll make you the handsomest man in town.

210 S. Allen

Approved Fraternities

The following fraternities have been approved for the entertainment of women guests tonight and tomorrow:

Acacia, Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Chi Sigma, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Gamma Itho, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Alpha Rho Chi, Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Zeta, Beaver House, Beta Sigma Rho, Chi Phi, Delta Chi, Delta Sigma Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Theta Sigma, Delta Upsilon, Kappa Delta Rho, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha.

Phi Delta Theta, Phi Epsilon Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Mu Delta, Phi Sigma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Pi, Sigma Tau Gamma, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Tau Phi Delta, Theta Chi, Theta Delta Chi and Theta Kappa Phi. Sigma Phi Epsilon and Theta Xi have been approved for Saturday night only.

Kappa Sigma Toy Drive To Begin After Vacation

Kappa Sigma fraternity will begin its annual Christmas toy drive after the Thanksgiving recess.

Students have been asked to collect toys or games during Pitt weekend and the Thanksgiving vacation. The fraternity will pick up and repair the toys and deliver them to worthy children's organizations throughout the district.

Last Two Nights

Tonite and Tomorrow

THE CARNIVAL OF THIEVES Center Stage

8 P.M. \$1.00

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Corso Gets Grant To Study Hearing

Dr. John F. Corso, professor of psychology, has received an additional appropriation of \$15,000 from the Aero-Medical Laboratory of the Wright Air Development Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to complete a hearing survey in the State College area.

The Air Force has appropriated a total of \$104,756.48 to the University on the problem of re-establishing the hearing norms for a population exposed to minimal levels of industrial noise. The survey will end Jan. 31.

Slater Elected President

Joseph Slater has been elected president of El Circulo Espanol, Spanish club.

Christ-Janer Says:

If any college or school in the University wants the two statues by George Grey Barnard which are now in the Salvage Department, it apparently can have them for the asking.

The statues, "The Hewer" and "Rising Woman," stood in the lobby of Schwab until July 1956 when they disappeared.

Albert Christ-Janer, director of the School of the Arts, in an article in the Centre Daily Times was quoted as saying the statues were removed because they were of no use to the School of Arts.

Since no other school wanted them, he said, they were taken to the University salvage department, not the University dump.

When the Collegian asked Christ-Janer for information on the statues he said he knew "nothing about them."

But in the Times article he was quoted as saying the statues were "materially worthless and esthetically not suitable for instructional purposes at the University."

The figures were mutilated—often vulgarly—during their stay in Schwab, he said. They were battered, dirty and broken and because of their size they were in the way in the lobby in Schwab, he said.

Christ-Janer said he did not want to dishonor Barnard by removing the statues.

"If we want to honor George Grey Barnard... then we should some day purchase a small bronze work by him," he said. "These two time-worn plasters do not honor anyone."

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