

Behind the ROTC Question

Official Tells Why ROTC Is Not Compulsory at Minnesota

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The University of Minnesota, a land-grant institution, killed compulsory ROTC in 1934 by a Board of Regents vote of 6 to 5.

In 1955 its vice president, Malcolm M. Willey, writing in School and Society, told why he feels it was a worthwhile action.

Going to the horse's mouth to prove his point, Willey consulted the officers who teach

military training. The consensus of these officers, he said, "appears to be that the best motivation for the advanced course comes with the esprit de corps that is the result of voluntary enlistment in the basic course."

Willey said this is because "a few disgruntled and unhappy students" tend to "spread feelings of dissatisfaction among wider segments of the group, thus reducing any desire to enroll in the advanced course."

Turning to the financial question involved, Willey maintained that since a small percentage of students elect to take the advanced course, both in voluntary and compulsory programs, the cost for each officer graduated is high.

Finding that in his school the voluntary program did not turn out a smaller number of officers in relation to the male graduates, Willey said the cost for each officer was smaller in Minnesota's programs.

He also indicated that the Army and Air Force could make their programs more enhancing to the student.

"One could even suggest," he said, "that the existence of voluntary ROTC units, especially in the land-grant group, might well serve as a stimulus to the Army and the Air Force to make of their ROTC programs—as the Navy has done—a much more attractive experience for the student."

Figures were cited by Willey to partially support his argument that a voluntary program does not reduce the effectiveness of the ROTC system.

In the four year period immediately preceding the end of compulsory ROTC, 1930-31 to 1933-34, 7.8% of all males getting bachelors degrees got ROTC commissions, Willey said.

In the period 1950-51 to 1953-54, he said, 9.9 per cent got ROTC commissions.

HEC Council Hits ROTC Compulsion

The Home Economics Student Council members have agreed that ROTC should not be compulsory

Council members on Tuesday also agreed to favor a compulsory civil defense program for both men and women with the program under the College of Physical Education.

The council voted to leave the big-little sister program under the Home Economics Club. However, members said any coed in the college should be allowed to participate in the program and not just the members of the club as is now the policy.

The council also voted to ask the faculty members if they wanted the group to evaluate courses in the college.

Council members emphasized that they did not back completely the Liberal Arts Council resolution favoring the abolishment of compulsory ROTC. They said they disagreed with certain points in the resolution, but did not say which points.

David Allison, junior in hotel administration from Pittsburgh, said he believes the compulsory ROTC program is not consistent with academic freedom. He said students should be free to elect ROTC if they want to but should not be forced to take it.

Lee Reiter, senior in hotel administration from Coronado, Calif., said ROTC takes up too much time and too many credits for some students, especially engineers and architecture majors, and makes it necessary for them to go an extra semester.

Patricia Moran, president of the council, said she has gotten the impression that the training was more academic than military and probably not of much help in a time of crisis.

Council members said they believe civil defense is a good idea but said the emphasis should be on the practical side and should not be all memorization.

Research Engineer Will Speak Today

Dr. Huon Li, research engineer with Odm Associates of Pasadena, Calif., will speak to a combined meeting of the Aeronautical Engineering and Missile Systems and the fluid mechanics seminar at 1:10 p.m. today in I Sackett.

His topic will be, "The Stability of Boundary Layer Flow of Electrically Conducting Fluids in the Presence of a Magnetic Field."

Dean to Speak To Sigma Xi

Dr. Merritt A. Williamson, dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, will present a Sigma Xi lecture at 8 tonight in the Mineral Sciences Auditorium.

Williamson will outline, "The History of the Early Development of Rockets," illustrating his talk with films of early rocket flights and tests.

As a member of the first class in jet propulsion at the California Institute of Technology, Williamson was among the pioneers in rocket research in this country. He was the first project officer on guided missiles at the Naval Ordnance test station in China Lake, Calif., and an early member of the American Rocket Society.

LA Council To Air New ROTC Plan

A revised ROTC-Civilian Defense resolution will be presented to the Liberal Arts Student Council at 7:30 tonight in 214 Hetzel Union.

The resolution will replace one approved unanimously by the council Nov. 12 and presented to All-University Cabinet by council president Robert Nurock Nov. 14. Nurock said he is presenting the motion to the council before substituting it for the original resolution which was tabled until Wednesday night's Cabinet meeting.

Meanwhile, the Forum of the Air will tackle the ROTC question at 9:30 tonight over WDFM and WMAJ.

Jay Feldstein, forum moderator, will discuss the question with Nurock; Myrna Paynter, president of the Education Student Council; and Carroll McDonnell, president of the Chemistry and Physics Student Council.

The LA Council's resolutions favor the abolition of compulsory ROTC and protest the possible inclusion of a School of Military Training and Civilian Defense in the College of the Liberal Arts.

The resolution was made following release of a report of the Senate Committee on Education Policy recommending the formation of such a school and establishment of a coed ROTC-civil defense course.

Kountz Speaks to Lions

R. Rupert Kountz, professor of sanitary engineering, addressed the Karthaus Lions Club recently on "The Formation and Operation of Public Service Authorities."

STATE NOW

Feat. 2:04, 3:58, 5:52, 7:46, 9:40 "Ride a Violent Mile" STARTS WED.



WMAJ Programs

Table listing radio programs for Tuesday, including Morning Show, Morning Devotions, Morning Show, News, Classical Interlude, Swap Shop, Music for Listening, News, Queen for a Day, Music at Noon, Centre County News, What's Going On, Music, Area Sports, Strike Up the Band, World News, Afternoon of Music, News, Afternoon of Music, News and Market Report, Music for Listening, Sports Special, Music, Local News, Fulton Lewis, Jr., News, Music for Listening, United World Federalists, Hillel Hour, News, Treasury Agent, News, Scarlet Pimpernel, Campus News (WDFM), As You Believe (WDFM), All-University Cabinet, News, Groovology 64, News and Sports, Sign Off.

Van Zandt Reported Senatorial Possibility

Rep. James E. Van Zandt, who represents Centre County in Congress, yesterday said he is gratified at the result of a newspaper poll which gave him the most votes cast by state Republican Party officials for the GOP nomination for U.S. Senator next year.

But the Associated Press quoted him as saying he has not announced his candidacy because he has "not been approached" by party leaders.

Van Zandt received 23 votes to 11 for Philadelphia Congressman Hugh D. Scott and 10 for GOP State Chairman George I. Bloom of Washington, Pa., in the poll conducted by the Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin.

Sen. Edward Martin, a Republican, has said he will not run for re-election next year.

The Bulletin poll also gave 13 of the party leaders' votes to Auditor Charles C. Smith of Philadelphia for the 1958 gubernatorial nomination.

Frequently mentioned for Democratic nominations in next year's state elections have been Gov. George M. Leader for the Senate and Lt. Gov. Roy D. Furman and Philadelphia Mayor Richardson Dilworth for the gubernatorial nomination.

William S. Livengood of Somerset, former secretary of Internal Affairs, received 12 votes.

Other possible senatorial candidates mentioned in the poll were GOP National Committeeman Jay Cooke of Blue Bell, Rep. James G. Fulton of Pittsburgh, Sec. of the Navy Thomas S. Gates of Devon, former State Treasurer Weldon B. Heyburn of Concordville and former State Sen. Newell Wood of Dallas.

Also mentioned for the gubernatorial nomination were Scott, Pittsburgh Judge Henry X. O'Brien, Speaker of the State House of Representatives W. Stuart Helm, Judge J. Colvin Wright of the State Superior Court, Heyburn and Theodore Roosevelt III of Paoli.

Panhel to Vote On New Quota

The Panhellenic Council will vote on a motion to raise the sorority quota from 50 to 55 at its meeting at 6:30 tonight in 203 Hetzel Union.

The council also will vote on a motion to drop co-sponsorship of the IFC-Panhel Ball. The motion was made at the last meeting but was tabled until IFC voted whether to subsidize the ball. IFC voted at its last meeting to assess each fraternity pro-rata for any loss incurred on the ball, instead of requiring each house to buy a specified number of tickets as originally proposed.

Barbara Rilling, Panhel rush chairman, will present a report on a rushing code, which defines illegal rushing and gives the penalties for such.

Van Zandt has represented the 20th Congressional district, which includes Blair, Centre and Clearfield counties—for nine terms, with time out for Naval service in World War II. He is a resident of Altoona.

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OPENS THURSDAY

Advertisement for PLAYERS Holiday Show The Apollo of Bellac by Jean Giraudoux and Amahl and the Night Visitors by Gian Carlo Menotti. Tickets on Sale NOW HUB Desk. Dec. 5, 6, 7 8 p.m. Schwab. Thursday \$.75 Friday and Saturday \$1.25

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