

Behind the ROTC Question

University-Oriented ROTC Asked by Senate Committee

By DAVE FINEMAN Eighth of a Series

Dean of the Graduate School Harold K. Schilling yesterday said the Senate Committee on Educational Policy, of which he is chairman, had in mind a much more university-oriented ROTC program in its tentative proposal made in November for a compulsory 2-year coed ROTC-CD program.

Schilling described the present program as "a one-way street," in that the government prescribes educational policy for all ROTC courses with little University policy intervening.

His committee, he said, would like to change this and then incorporate the new program into the College of the Liberal Arts under a civilian director.

Government feeling toward such a move has not been sounded out, Schilling said, but "I can't imagine that the government would say no."

The ROTC program envisioned by the committee, Schilling said, would probably have less drill and more in the way of citizenship courses. These he described as courses which would "educate the future taxpayer to realize the nation's defense problems."

"No University course systematically attempts this," Schilling said.

Asked why the committee thought the College of the Liberal Arts the appropriate division in which to place the program,

Dean of the Graduate School Harold K. Schilling, who is chairman of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy, was interviewed by The Daily Collegian on four aspects of the ROTC question:

•The committee's feelings with respect to ROTC's future.

•Compulsory versus voluntary ROTC.

•Placement of ROTC in the College of the Liberal Arts.

•Possible future actions of the committee on the ROTC question.

Schilling answered that it is "the basic college of the University." It is, he said, "closest to what most universities have at the center—a college of the arts and sciences."

Schilling said the committee felt a voluntary program would not furnish the nation with enough officers. Without a "taste of ROTC on the elementary level," he maintained, far fewer students would elect the advanced course.

He compared this to the case

of students who choose college majors only after being exposed to required courses. He cited one individual who had made no decision on a major until the end of his sophomore year, at which time he took a geology course to fulfill a science requirement and became so interested in the field that he made it his career.

He called this one of the strongest reasons in favor of a compulsory program, saying that "if people don't know more than the average citizen

about ROTC, they may not want to take it."

He would set no date for the committee's final report on the matter. He said it might be toward the end of this year or even not until next year.

The final report, he said, would be far more extensive than the first, and said its recommendations are impossible to predict.

The feelings of everyone concerned will be sounded out, he said, and "we still reserve the right to change our minds."

Student Goes Deer Hunting; 'Bags Brother,' Two Others

When Kenneth Bryfogle, junior in horticulture from Montgomery, went hunting yesterday, little did he realize he would become a one-man rescue party before the day was over.

Before the day was over he had and came upon the man and his son. Bryfogle led them to the highway. He found Sypherd walking along one of the roads about 7 p.m.

Bryfogle and Dale Sypherd, junior in business administration from Norristown, were deer hunting about 10 miles west of State College. While in the woods, Sypherd decided to go back to the car.

But on his way back Sypherd became lost. Bryfogle returned to the car at 5:30 and, when he saw that Sypherd was not there, called the fraternity house to see if his hunting companion had returned.

Bryfogle returned to the hunting area, where he heard several gunshots. He followed the noise

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(Continued from page one) "is one of disinterest and indifference."

It points out in reply to a request by the American Association of Land Grant Colleges and State Universities for a formal statement of attitude toward basic required ROTC, Stephen S. Jackson, deputy assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) "expressed indifference to the program, as did the separately expressed views of the Army and Air Force fur-

University Will Plan For 'TV Generation'

University students during the next decade will be the "TV, post-Sputnik generation" and the University will "have to plan accordingly," Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs, said last night.

Dennis was a member of a panel which spoke to the Centre County Alumni Club on the University's expansion

plans for the 1960's. President Eric A. Walker was moderator. Other panel members were Dr. Michael A. Farrell, vice president for research, and E. L. Keller, director of general extension.

At least 35,000 students will be enrolled at the University by 1970, Dennis said. He said they will come more and more from the industrial classes and from urban areas.

Dennis said this enrollment increase will necessitate changes in the following fields:

•Instruction—"It will be harder to get enough good teachers. We'll have to do instructional research on extending superior teaching to a greater number of students and increasing the size of classes."

•Buildings—"Classrooms will be equipped with television facilities... The rooms will be larger... Classroom buildings may be grouped according to fields of instruction... Graduate students may want their own residence halls... We'll need housing for married students... We'll have to think of community living."

•Instructional program—"Educational institutions will have to use the 12-month year for instruction. We'll run the University morning, noon and night. Students will be encouraged to work on their own in a supervised independent study program. The length of the engineering students' stay at the University may have to be extended.

In a questions-from-the-audience session, Mr. Jackson said that Dean Sidney J. French of Rollins College, a proponent of ROTC, was quoted in the report as saying, "By the very nature of the ROTC structure and its centralized control, the attempt to reach these worthy objectives—citizenship education tends to become formalized and thus to defeat the purposes."

ence period after the discussion, Dennis was queried on present plans for community living. His reply:

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