

Screening Student Insurance:

# Penn, Pitt, Other Colleges Use Voluntary Program

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Second of a Series

Two of the largest universities in the state—the Universities of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh—have a voluntary insurance program.

Other colleges in the state using such a program include Alliance, Cedar Crest, Drexel Institute of Technology,

# WH Council Hits ROTC Compulsion

The West Halls Council went on record Monday night as favoring the Liberal Arts Council resolution which favors voluntary ROTC.

The resolution also asks rejection of a Senate committee report proposing a 2-year ROTC-Civil Defense compulsory course for all men and women. It would be under the College of the Liberal Arts. The report proposes that women students be required to take a CD course along with their physical education courses.

The motion to favor the resolution was made by Robert Gorniak. The council vote was 10 for the resolution, 6 against and 1 abstention.

Speaking against compulsory ROTC, Gorniak said he doesn't think the little good derived from ROTC justifies the amount of money spent on it when the University needs classrooms and dormitories.

Speaking for compulsory ROTC, David Byers said if ROTC helped men just a little when they entered the service, the University cannot safely and with a true conscience abolish it.

In other business, Gorniak asked that unit presidents turn West Halls donations to the Christmas Present For Larry fund in to him or the West Halls office by Dec. 19.

The council also discussed the West Halls window decorations contest. First prize is \$10, second \$5 and third \$2. Individual and groups may enter; judging will be on the same basis for both.

President Carl Smith said a definite judging date has not yet been set.

According to the Department of Housing nothing permanent may be used on the windows and the decorations must be removed before Christmas vacation.

Smith appointed Byers temporary chairman of the Food Service committee.

# Engineers Shift ROTC Stand; Ed Council Votes No Position

(Continued from page one) ROTC at the University of Minnesota, where compulsory ROTC was abolished in 1934. He quoted the letter as saying from 1950-56 the percentage of students enrolled in Army ROTC has decreased each year.

The letter said Eric Severeid, CBS radio commentator, who was a major proponent of abolishing compulsory ROTC at the University of Minnesota, has expressed regrets about his action. Severeid is reported to have said his actions showed "collegiate immaturity."

Stroup also said in World War II 90,000 ROTC officers were in action. He said the bulk of Reserve Officers are ROTC men and the nation depends on them.

# Ready or Not—

(Continued from page four) stitute courses. For the chemical engineer, they suggested a course on chemical warfare. For the liberal artist, one on international relations.

And so they thought they had squashed the problem forever. But they had failed to reckon with the cycle of events, which apparently is circular. If we wait long enough, we may be fighting for the reinstatement of pushball scraps and the desire for conquest.

Guy Rhodes, a member of advanced Air Force ROTC, said he felt most of the members of the advanced group would not have taken it if they had not been required to take basic ROTC.

Edward Frymoyer said each year Navy ROTC has approximately 10,000 applicants for 2000 vacancies from high school seniors wishing to enter the Navy's 4-year program. He felt this was an indication that Air Force and Army ROTC could improve their program to attract students as the Navy has.

# AIM Will Discuss Voting Restriction

The Association of Independent Men will hear a constitutional revision designed to forbid presidential violation of a "directed vote" at 7 tonight in 203 Hetzel Union.

If passed, the amendment would prohibit an AIM president from voting on any issue against the wishes of the AIM members. The present constitution does not prohibit the AIM president from voting contrary to an expressed AIM opinion.

Also slated for discussion is a report on an outstanding living unit award to be set up by AIM.

Geneva, Immaculata, Lehigh, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Lycoming, Clarion State Teachers, Westminster and Wilkes.

According to insurance company representatives, about 50 to 70 per cent of the students usually subscribe to such voluntary group-type insurance.

The University of Pittsburgh has offered a program of voluntary insurance to supplement the services provided by the health department for the last 10 years.

Dr. H. C. Carlson, director of student health service for men at the University of Pittsburgh, reported that the university has been successful in having the benefits increased while maintaining the same low premium because of the participation of the students.

The essential provisions of the programs at Pitt and at the University of Pennsylvania are very similar.

The cost to each student at both places range from \$15 to \$17 per year. The policy is in effect 24 hours a day and 12 months a year whether the student is on or off the campus.

The benefits of the programs include reimbursements up to \$1000 for each accident, up to \$1000 for each illness for actual medical expenses, up to \$10 per day for hospital room and board, and up to \$100 for in-patient care.

The University of Pittsburgh's program also includes a major medical insurance. This covers the more serious cases of accident or illness by \$5000.

Louis Wonderly, a member of an All-University Cabinet Committee on Health and Welfare, who has been studying the possibility of a suitable voluntary insurance program at the University, said: "From all indications of a six-month study which I have helped conduct, the trend at universities and colleges is definitely toward a student, voluntary insurance program."

"In most cases the programs have been initiated by the administration," Wonderly said.

Wonderly explained that most administrators have supported the program because they feel it relieves them of some of the moral obligation of the welfare of the student body—a duty that modern educators have taken upon themselves.

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