

Behind the ROTC Question

ROTC Officers Cite Statement By Armed Forces Personnel

Thirteenth of a Series

Army ROTC instructors have been reading a statement in all their classes aimed at "bringing into focus" the current ROTC controversy.

The statement, ordered to be read "with no other formal comment from the instructor," says:

"You are probably aware that there has been some discussion among various students on the campus concerning the ROTC program of all three services and the attitude of the Department of Defense toward military training in general on college and university campuses. Since you are in an ROTC program we believe that it would be of interest for you to know what the Department of Defense and the Department of Army have recently stated on this question. Therefore I am going to read you the following, which are certain statements made at a meeting last October attended by military officials and representatives of the American Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities, the State Universities Association, and the National Association of State Universities. These people make up jointly the Armed Forces Policy Board.

"Secretary of Defense Wilson: I would think that basic ROTC training would be a good thing for almost any young man, regardless of what he plans to do later on. Within the limits of reasonable cost, we ought to do everything we can to strengthen and support the program."

"Army Secretary Brucker: I don't know what we'd do without the ROTC program in the colleges. As far as possible, the Army is interested in continuing the present program. We would strongly favor the continuance of required basic ROTC. The army will always have to rely on men with ROTC training. They have a little "plus".

"These statements then should provide you with a good idea of the importance with which the Department of Army, as well as other high levels of military policy makers, view the military training of the ROTC at collegiate level."

Approved Fraternities

All fraternities have been approved for the entertainment of woman guests tonight and tomorrow night except Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi and Zeta Beta Tau, Omega Psi Phi, Pi Lambda Phi, Pi Sigma Upsilon and Triangle have been approved for tomorrow night only.

Third Party May Appear In Spring

All-University Elections Committee Chairman Peter Fishburn told the committee Sunday night: "I wouldn't be at all surprised to see a third party come into being next semester."

But Fishburn said he believes a charter has not yet been granted for another political party.

The Elections Committee met to hear progress reports from sub-committees. Richard Armen, junior in chemical engineering from Connellsville, was named chairman of a sub-committee to study the possibility of having decentralized voting for student elections.

Theodore Haller, chairman of the group studying the fraternity-independent rotation system, said a complete report will be presented Feb. 28.

The preliminary progress report stated the sub-committee's accomplishments to date: sending letters to other schools for information on their systems, studying the history of the University's rotation system, and interviewing members of the faculty and administration for their opinions.

The Elections Committee accepted the progress report, which will be presented to All-University Cabinet at its next meeting.

Ruby Seamen, chairman of the penalization sub-committee, said the group plans to interview staff members for suggestions on the penalization provisions of the All-University Elections Code.

Noon Classes--

(Continued from page one) scheduled simultaneously, thus enabling students to concentrate on their studies more effectively.

A trimester system, in which the calendar year would be divided into three equal terms, did not seem to get favorable reception. The main disadvantages expressed are difficulty of finding appropriate starting dates and uncertainty of the system's effect on faculty retirement plans.

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Hillel Schedules Stunt Night, Newman Club to Hold Dance

Hillel will sponsor its annual and group participation. There is Hillel Stunt Night at 7:30 tomorrow night. The Newman Club will sponsor a Christmas Ball at 8 tonight in the Church hall. Admission will be and sororities and the Freshman Council of Hillel. Refreshments will be presented.

The skits are to be judged by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hirshberg, Dr. An annual Christmas party will and Mrs. L. N. Zimmerman and be presented by the Lutheran Student Association at 7:30 tonight

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PIZZA

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