

Editorial Opinion

Modernize ROTC Program With Voluntary System

The constant student bickering, together with revision of the military system on a national scale point in only one direction—the present ROTC program should be changed. And the change should be toward a completely voluntary program.

Under the Morrill Land Grant Act, the University is required to offer ROTC, but not necessarily compulsory.

Should ROTC be compulsory for two years, one year or should it be completely voluntary?

These will be the considerations given to the ROTC question before SGA Assembly tonight. The crux of the question will be a recommendation to adopt a one-year compulsory program—the same recommendation passed with only one dissenting vote by last year's All-University Cabinet.

The advantages of a voluntary program are obvious. The ROTC units would take in only those students who would be interested in the program. If this would not produce a big savings to the ROTC units, at least the funds could be concentrated on providing a better training for those sincerely interested in military careers.

Considering the stand that a student should be exposed to military discipline and instruction, could this be accomplished in one year? We think so.

The best way to provide the necessary facts about the military and to learn something about each branch of the service would be a common freshman year. Citizenship, civil defense and survival could be incorporated in the common year to provide a well-founded outlook on the military situation today and not as it was several years ago.

A more voluntary program would necessarily mean more pressure on the Army and Air Force units to recruit potential officers. The Navy with its commendable program has proved how successfully this can be operated.

As pointed out in the recommendations to be presented to Assembly, special skills of both military and civilian professors could be better utilized for instruction of their respective students.

The sign of the times for the University as well as the military program is better use of present facilities. This would best be followed by providing ROTC only for those interested, and making better use of the facilities that this would make available.

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Letters

Senior Calls SGA Action Not Improtant

TO THE EDITOR: You are living true to your form of inconsistency. Tuesday you wrote an editorial on the planks of the SGA parties and, in general, criticizing those planks as being unimportant, superficial and not so very earth-shaking. You also said in your editorial of Nov. 14, "They (SGA) are not coming up with platforms strong enough to interest the average voter." Well done!

In your editorial of Nov. 19, you proceed to call the student body apathetic for not supporting SGA elections. It seems to me that your previous editorials more than answer the question, "Why aren't the students voting?" VOTE FOR WHAT??? Vote for people who will "look into" the abominable parking regulations? Vote for people who will install telephones and soundproofing? Etc.

Let's face it, the SGA is only as powerful as the administration wants it to be. It provides a pseudo democratic veneer to a bureaucratic structure. Can the SGA get Frothy back to the football games, or restore the cannon to the cheerleaders? What can they do besides make an effort to "look into" the parking rules? Can the SGA do anything about the restrictions the administration places upon student organizational funds? (Compare the current death throes of the Jazz Club with the activities they used to engage in).

Could the SGA prevent the Administration's decision to ignore the Homecoming Queen at the football game? You may well say that these are matter of University policy. Indeed they are, but shouldn't an effective SGA have a strong influence on such policies that so directly affect the students they represent?

In short, I feel that the SGA has no real influence in matters that are pertinent to the student body, and apparently the 77 per cent of the students who failed to vote in the last SGA election feel the same way.

Unless it is evident to the student body that their SGA is, in fact, an effective and influential force in making administrative decisions and policies, there is no valid reason why the students should vote. The type of "democracy" that one finds at this University is not "what people all over the world are giving their lives for."

—Richard Brady, '60

(Editor's note: You cannot blame the low percentage of voters last spring on the "passiveness" of the SGA. Last spring, SGA had not yet become a reality and at that time, students were voting on whether or not they wanted the new system. As was stated in yesterday's edit, how can the Assembly represent 15,000 students on the vote of 3000? The student body had the first say in what would be done through the people they were allowed to elect, and the mandate was lower than any in the past five years.)

Job Interviews

TODAY

Schlumberger Well Surveying Corp: Jan BS grads in EE, Eng Sci, Geo Phys, Pet & Nat Gas, ME, Phys.  
Koppers Chemical Company: Jan BS & 1960 MS, PhD cand. in Chem, ChE, ME.  
Geophysical Service Inc. (Div. of Texas Instruments): Jan BS grads in Geol, Eng Sci, EE for Oil Field Operations & 1960 MS, PhD cand. in Geo Phys, Phys, EE, Math for Research.  
Must be U.S. Citizen.

Texas Instruments Inc: Jan BS & 1960 MS, PhD cand. in Cer Tech, ChE, Chem, EE, Geo Phys, Phys, Math, ME, Metal & Geol.

Wagner Electric: Jan BS in EE, ME.  
York Corporation: Jan BS in ME, IE.  
Air Reduction: Jan BS & 1960 MS, PhD in ChE, Metal; PhD in Chem, Phys & BS, MS in ME, EE.  
Hercules Powder: 1960 MS, PhD cand. in Chem & ChE.

TOMORROW

Dow Corning: Jan BS & 1960 MS, PhD cand. in ChE, Chem, Phys; BS, MS in ME, EE.

Federal Pacific: Jan BS in EE, ME, IE.  
B. F. Goodrich Company: 1960 MS, PhD in Chem, ChE for Research and MS, PhD in ChE, ME, Phys, Math, CE for Math Design and Analysis of Products.  
Hercules Powder: 1960 MS, PhD cand. in Chem & ChE.

Chapel to Remain Open

The Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel will remain open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the Thanksgiving recess, Nov. 25 to 29.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"I UNDERSTAND THEY'VE HAD A TOUGH TIME FINDING A QUALIFIED HOME EC TEACHER."

penny candy

Praise the Lord; Pass the Berries

by lolli neubarth

We hear the cranberry industry has a plan to assure Americans they can eat cranberries by Thanksgiving. It is altogether fitting and proper that they should do so, for what could be more un-American than Thanksgiving without cranberries.

I don't even know if it's worth going home this year since the government has ruined Thanksgiving! Rise up, Americans, and restore cranberries to their rightful place among the revered symbols of your country.

Recognizing our duty to work for a better America, several members of the Collegian spent an hour (gladly missing a class for a worthy cause) preparing a public relations campaign to help the cranberry industry overcome the antipathy toward its product.



MISS NEUBARTH of new uses will be found for cranberries . . . both contaminated and healthy.

Thanksgiving is lost this year, even the University scratched cranberry sauce off its special Thanksgiving dinner menu. And when food service makes a menu change, history is made.

However, it's not too late to start a "Contaminated Cranberries for Christmas" campaign.

Of course we're not advocating eating them, but we could bring back the old sentimental Christmas tree, bedecked with strings of popcorn and shiny red cranberries.

And the red holly berries in wreaths are a nice safe place for contaminated berries.

Then comes St. Valentine's Day, when the world is smothered with red paper hearts. This year crushed contaminated cranberries could be used for a dye for Valentine cards and heart-shaped candy boxes.

Patriotism runs high around George Washington's Birthday, a perfect opportunity to boost the suffering cranberry industry. All we'd have to do would be to "adjust" the cherished old tale of Washington and the cherry tree. Millions of grammar school teachers would teach their vulnerable little charges that old George really cut down a cranberry tree. Think of the patriotic association. People would be buying cranberries by the bushel. Little children would cry for cranberry pie on Feb. 22.

Then comes Easter, beloved holiday, when youngsters all over the United States dye Easter eggs.

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GAZETTE

TODAY

Air Force Glee Club, 8 p.m., HUB assembly room  
Alpha Phi Alpha, 7:30 p.m., 213 HUB  
Block and Saddle Club, 7:30 p.m., 206 Armsby  
Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB lounge  
Campus Assembly, 7 p.m., 218 HUB  
Collegian Promotion Staff, 6:30 p.m., 9 Carnegie  
Dancing Class, 6:30 p.m., HUB cardroom  
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB  
Fall Elections, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., HUB cardroom  
Freshman Tea Committee, 6 p.m., 218 HUB  
Jr. Panhellenic Council, 7 p.m., 203 HUB  
News and Views Staff, 7 p.m., Home Economics  
Outing Club, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room  
Phi Lambda Upsilon, 8 p.m., 214 Boucke  
Rod and Coccus Club, 7 p.m., 215 Patterson  
SEAP, 7 p.m., 109 Armsby  
SGA Assembly, 7 p.m., 214 HUB  
Sigma Alpha Eta, 7 p.m., Simmons lounge  
Sociology Club, 7 p.m., 110 Electrical Engineering

Student Affairs Committee, 2 p.m., HUB assembly room  
WRA Bowling Club, 6:30 p.m., White Hall alleys  
WRA Bridge Intrm. Organization Meeting, 6:30 p.m., White Hall playground  
WRA Naiads, New Naiads, 6:30 p.m.; Old Naiads, 7:30 p.m., White Hall pool  
WRA Officials Club, 6:30 p.m., 2 White Hall  
WRA Volleyball Intrms., 6:30 p.m., White gym  
WRA Volleyball Intrm. Practices for Student Teachers, 5 p.m., White gym

HOSPITAL

Patients in the University hospital yesterday were: Frederick Benner, Jocelyn Binns, Lois Blank, Ruth Brandon, Edward Cole, Paul Cosover, Barbara Feit, Harry Griffiths, Joan Haley, James Harbarger, Marcia Hartrick, Marcus Ingram, Stanley Johnston, Beth Kantor, Bert Kapinus, Walter Kearney, Roger Kochman, Lynne Lafferty, John Malenky, George Margetan, Richard Mazza, Donald Mitchell, Marilyn Newman, Jessie Mishimura, William Popp, Barbara Roth, Andrew Sack, Joel Silpakoff, Evelyn Steinberg, Nancy Stewart, Gail Tuk, Helen Winnick.

