

**Editorial Opinion**

**Can It Be Halfway?**

Can there be a compromise between voluntary and compulsory ROTC?

SGA Assembly adopted a report last night which included a recommendation for a "one-year compulsory basic ROTC program common, if possible, to all three services and including instruction in orientation to the military and military careers, citizenship education, and civil defense and survival training . . ."

This recommendation resulted from many months of study and discussion by last year's All-University Cabinet. It is a compromise between a faction which wanted an entirely voluntary program and one which preferred the status quo.

But can there be a compromise?

If the one-year program is adopted, the services would have to completely revise their advanced curriculums to a 3-year setup instead of the present two years. Navy ROTC officials would hardly favor this since they already have a good program . . . and it is voluntary.

One of the complaints against an entirely voluntary setup is that students are not usually exposed to the military programs before coming to the University. If they did not enter it in their first semester, they would have to remain for at least one extra semester to complete the 4-year program.

Recruiting in high school is one solution. This works, as has been proven by the Navy. Another suggestion is condensing the two years of basic into one, and offering it during the sophomore year. This would enable units to recruit men after they have seen first hand what ROTC has to offer.

Students usually do not like anything which they are forced into. This is the feeling most men get under required ROTC. The ROTC programs should be made inviting enough to have students want to enroll in them.

Judging from student complaints, the present system is unsatisfactory and a compromise may be the only change that will be approved by military and administration officials. However, it appears that a one-year program would be impractical, even as a transition into a completely voluntary system.

**Spirit for Liberty**

Does Penn State have school spirit? Do they support their athletic teams?

These questions will be answered Saturday, Dec. 19, when the Lion gridders invade Philadelphia Stadium to battle the Alabama Crimson Tide in the first Liberty Bowl game.

Penn State students have rallied in the past—namely the Army and Syracuse encounters—to support their football team. This same type of spirit will be needed for the Liberty Bowl game.

Pessimism about the game has floated about the campus for several weeks. But this must be forgotten, for the University and the Lions are now in the game and have found a most worthwhile opponent. This is Penn State's first post-season game since New Year's Day, 1948. The students at that Cotton Bowl game were fired up with enthusiasm.

The morale of the team is one of the most important factors in a game between two evenly matched opponents. And the team's morale can be lifted if they know and feel the student body is solidly behind them.

Only two weeks remain before the game. There could be nothing finer than seeing a continuous build-up of school spirit, culminating in a huge send-off rally for the team. Many groups of students can and should initiate rallies and plan different events, but the actual spirit must come from ALL the students. Collegian will do its part—what about the rest of the student body?

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**Letters**

**Sr. Coed Hits Inadequacies Of Library**

**TO THE EDITOR:** My one major complaint about P.S.U. is the sad condition of the library.

It is almost impossible to find desired material due to the inadequate resources available. Professors may wonder why term papers only contain simple and trite subjects, nothing that shows any insight into the subject.

Well, there is the answer. Why aren't some of the donations contributed to the library for good resource material? I always thought that a university meant a place for learning. If this be the case, then the first concern would be to make knowledge available.

Therefore, why did the ice skating rink need a roof? I admit that it gets rather windy and too cold for comfort, but is your skating more important than your learning? Wouldn't the library appreciate this money as well?

Aside from supplying additional material, it would help for a more efficient organizational system to be installed. Tell me—which is more important to you here at Penn State, ice skating or higher learning?

—Sybil Klein, '60

**Is Nittany Part Of University?**

**TO THE EDITOR:** I would like to call to the attention of the administration the fact that the Nittany Living Area is a part of the Pennsylvania State University as well as the North, South, and West Dorms Areas, and should be entitled to the same privileges.

You will recall that some time ago, the telephone directories were issued at one to every two or three people in all dorms except for Nittany where one directory was to suffice for 44 men. The same situation is true about the number of telephones per person in the Nittany Area.

Among other unsatisfactory conditions is the existence of pools of mud blocking the paths leading from the Nittany Area to the rest of the campus, which we have to wade through to get to classes.

Also it is not much fun to have to dodge rain drops while trying to eat a meal in the dining hall on rainy days.

If the Nittany Dorms have to stand for another 10 years, certainly something must be done to better the living conditions and to make the men feel more like a part of this Pennsylvania State University.

—Michael Johnson, '63

**TO THE EDITOR:** They might be located one mile from Rec Hall, but I believe the Nittany "living" units are still considered part of this university.

It is time to call this fact to the attention of Mr. Wilbur F. Diehl, supervisor of telephones. He stated in yesterday's Collegian that a survey of resident hall phones indicated that the present equipment is adequate. It also was stated that students were waiting at only one phone out of the 219 that were observed.

Here in my Nittany dorm, students are waiting at only one phone primarily because it is the only phone in the dorm! Yes, one phone and one directory for 44 students.

I would like to suggest that Mr. Diehl take a survey of the phone system in the Nittany area. We are located at the east end of the campus.

Angelo Rosati, '63

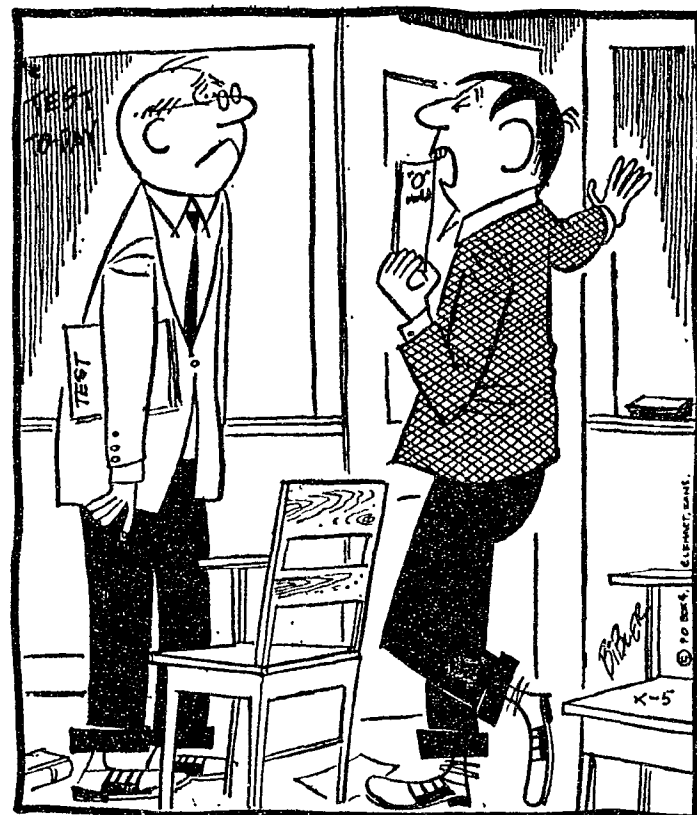
**Assembly--**

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Committee felt a civilian should head the proposed School of Military Affairs, because most military men are only here for several years' tour of duty, and that a civilian attached to the University would be able to head the school for many years.

The report giving birth to the nine recommendations was one of the most extensive studies ever made into an issue by a committee reported Jay Hawley (C.-Sr.).

**Little Man on Campus** by Dick Bibler



"NAAN, I AIN'T WORRIED ABOUT THIS 'O'. MOST OF TH' CLASS GOT ONE AN' SINCE YA GRADE ON TH' CURVE I FIGGER IT'S WORTH A 'C'!"

**Ike Risks Health To Promote Peace**

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst

President Eisenhower is confident that his health is adequate to meet the rigors of his good will trip, but no matter how you slice it he is taking a grave personal risk in order to promote greater unity in the non-Communist world.

Just the thought of making 30 speeches and attending a diplomatic conference all in 19 days is exhausting. The President will do it while traveling 23,000 miles.

Most of the men to whom he will talk know something of the strain of such an undertaking. This knowledge itself will do much to convince them of his earnestness when the President tells them of America's search for peace.

In spite of the great care which will surround him, and the provision of every possible comfort, the mere feeling of a rat race which accompanies such a schedule has a terrific impact on a man, and especially a man of the President's age—he is 69—and with his background of illnesses. His entire future depends upon how well he stands the pace.

Against this background, the magnitude of American world leadership in his mind becomes plain.

Some people still question American sincerity, he says.

"I want to prove that we are not aggressive; that we seek nobody else's territories or possessions; we do not seek to violate anybody else's rights. We are simply trying to be a good partner in this business of searching out for peace."

In this effort, he is travel-

ing around two-thirds of the Communist perimeter. He will talk with the leaders of 13 countries. On the results will depend much of his place in history as a man of peace in a world where he once waged a terrible and successful war.

"I have only a few months left," as president, he said, adding that he intended to spend all of that time he possibly can on peace projects.

He is flying into history. And literally betting his life.

**Gazette**

TODAY  
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB  
Interlands, 7:30 p.m., HUB ballroom  
Penn State Bible Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 111 Boucke

**HOSPITAL**

Adiel Balam, Charles Bastress, Elaine Caplan, Elizabeth Carnwath, Lynne Cefelice, Bernadette Dee, Diane Derickson, Bernard Droney, Shirley Fowler, Gary Garloch, Dale Habel, Joel Holden, Kathryn Kean, Sonia Koziar, Paul Krieger, Noilane Lantz, Robert McLean, Jerry McMurdy, Mary Jane Montzomey, Clement Newbold, Judy Nelson, Martin Phayre, Barbara Pond, Nancy Schiffman, Mary Sharples, Marilyn Trimble, Judith Wadleigh, Ralph Waite, Julian Weis, Susan Woloz, Loretta Ziegler, Frederick Geck, Robert Gibson, Richard Hoffman, Carole Mizaur.

