



Letters

ROTC Plan Needs Attention

TO THE EDITOR: Since the University is currently considering the tri-semester and quarter-semester system, now would be the proper time to re-evaluate the compulsory ROTC program.

Under the land grant act of 1862, the University is not required to make ROTC compulsory, but merely offer it. Except for the Navy program, the ROTC programs here are inadequate and boring for most students. The programs are also wasteful.

In the Air Force program it takes a detachment here at Penn State of between 20 and 30 officers to turn out less than 100 officers each year. While the Army has nice new green uniforms, they are still playing with the same old antiquated World War I machine guns.

If ROTC were made voluntary here at State, it is probable that the Armed Forces would still turn out the same number of officers each year, while the majority of freshman and sophomore male students here at State could devote six credits worth of time to more worthwhile causes

—Anthony Gitt, '62

SGA Average Needs Change

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to comment on the recent letters to the editor concerning the scholastic average required for membership on the SGA Assembly.

I am certain that a lot of the people who are capable of leading students and who are intelligent do not make outstanding grade averages. Some of these people have to work their way through school and, as a result, their grades are not the best possible. Others are in fields of study where good grades are not easy to attain.

Many of these people would be very interested in participating in student government if the requirements were not so rigid. I am sure that some of these people would be able to do a job just as well and probably better than some of those who are presently members just to have an activity.

In the future, the requirements should be reconsidered by SGA members in the hope that their judgment will permit more capable and interested students to participate in student government. I am interested in hearing more comments on this subject.

In regard to the letter written by another student, I don't think that he should have been so "shallow" in his thinking before he put his pen to the paper.

—John Dunkle, '60

Gazette

TODAY

- Ag Council, 7-10 p.m., 212 HUB
- Alpha Kappa Psi business meeting, 7 p.m., Theta Delta Chi
- Artist Series, Netherlands Chamber Choir, 8:30 p.m., Schwab
- Bridge Class, 6:30-8:30 p.m., HUB main lounge
- Christian Fellowship, 12:45-1:15 p.m., 218 HUB
- Economics Faculty Seminar, 12 noon, HUB dining room "A"
- Father Havanic discussion, 7-8 p.m., 217 HUB
- Five O'Clock Theatre, "Demomnigratious," 5 p.m., Little Theatre, Old Main
- Intercollegiate Conference on Government, 7-10 p.m., 203 HUB
- Nittany Grotto, 7 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries
- Pi Mu Epsilon, 7:30 p.m., 12 Sparks
- Placement, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 203, 212-3 HUB
- Schuhplattler Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., 8 White
- Sigma Tau Delta, 7-9 p.m., 218 HUB
- Student Handbook business staff, 7 p.m., 10 Sparks
- WDFM live broadcast, 7:00-8:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
- WUS, 7:00-9:30 p.m., 214 HUB

HOSPITAL

David Atkinson, William Bailey, Dennis Brod, Thomas Buckley, David Fowler, Jacqueline Greenberg, Barbara Hannum, Sharon Harad, Dorothy Harrar, Leroy Hibbs, Bradlee Karan, Leila Kuchas, John Lasky, Michael Lazorchak, Francine Lembo, Julia Mather, Thomas Newell, Paul Pratt, Michael Raiser, Carolyn Rush, Barbara Rice, Nancy Stang, Nixon Stuart, Robert Schmidt, Joanne Taylor, Samuel Woolsey, Vernon Zeitz.

Activity Cards Available

Activities cards are available in the Dean of Women's office, 105 Old Main. All women must fill out one of these cards in order to be considered by the hat societies for tapping.

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Rushees, Have Fun; Think Seriously Too!

by cathy fleck

Name? Curriculum? Hometown near Philadelphia or Pittsburgh? Interests? Sound familiar to anyone?

These questions should have a familiar ring to anyone participating in this past weekend's Open House, a program which officially marked the beginning of sorority rushing.

The next two weeks will have an important bearing on many rushees' college careers.

Two weeks is a rather short time in which to choose the girls you are going to live with for the remainder of your days at Penn State. Two weeks to choose the group with which you will be working, studying, associating and most of all — living.



MISS FLECK

And graduation does not end your connection with sorority life—a sorority woman remains one for her entire life. Once the step has been taken, she is a member of a life-long organization.

These are a few of the many reasons why sorority rushing should be taken very seriously by every woman who participates in the program. Meeting people is fun, and so are the chatter dates, parties and coffee hours—through these aspects of rushing you have the opportunity to get to know the many sorority women on campus as well as fellow-rushees and potential pledge sisters.

But every rushee should consider the relative and absolute importance that sororities will hold for her after the fun of rush is over. Sororities are fun for most of their members, but these members have at one time been faced with the prob-

lem of analyzing their individual needs and deciding which sorority would fill these needs to the greatest degree possible. During the next two weeks rushees must also think about sororities in other than the usual social terms.

When you have considered the general idea of belonging to a sorority, should you decide that such an organization will enlarge your outlook during your college years, then it is time to decide which sorority is the one for you. This is the most important question that will confront you in the next two weeks.

This decision should be arrived at by you and you alone. Consider yourself first and foremost, forgetting about friends who might be in a sorority. Then try to fit yourself into the group where you feel you will be most at home; with the group that you will enjoy sharing projects, ideas, problems, and happiness; with the group where you will not have to put yourself in an artificial light completely alien to the real YOU.

If you can honestly tell yourself that you can be a vital part of sorority life, then you are on the right track.

Rushing is a wonderful experience in college life. How wonderful it can be for the coed who participates in the program will depend upon the attitude of the individual coed. The rushee should enter into rushing with a broad outlook on the sorority system which eventually will narrow into the one vital answer—"This sorority is the one for me!"



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Editorial Opinion

To March Or Not To March

The Academic Senate at Michigan State in approving a program of voluntary ROTC has set a valuable example for this University to follow.

While the program has yet to receive the final approval of their Board of Trustees, the major point is that academic and administrative officials have recognized the futility of carrying on a compulsory ROTC program.

For the past three years, the fight to abolish compulsory ROTC has been waged on this campus by student leaders. Different plans for bringing this abolition about have evolved through the years but they all boil down to the same essence—give the students a choice.

Our Senate-Go-Round has accepted, rejected, passed around and all but thrown proposals offered by SGA and the former All-University Cabinet into their wastebaskets.

One of the excuses given by the administrators in refusing to consider voluntary ROTC has been that as a land-grant institution, Penn State must retain ROTC. But, they have failed to recognize that shifting to a voluntary program would not alter the University's obligations. ROTC would still be here. The only difference would be that the programs might contain quality and not quantity.

The ROTC issue is not dead. It never will be dead on this campus despite the continued efforts of both the armed services and the administration to make it more appealing to the college student. And it never will die while the student is required to undergo a compulsory program as a pre-requisite for a diploma for academic achievement.

This issue is going to come up again and again as long as student government continues to represent the wishes of the students. How the University Senate and the Board of Trustees can ignore the constant antagonism felt in requiring such a program cannot be understood by those of us who have seen the issue arise over and over.

The compulsory versus voluntary issue should be settled once and for all in the near future. We should take a lesson from Michigan State and solve this problem through action, not passiveness.

Trend Toward Progressivism

A most progressive Women's Student Government Association will attempt to modernize regulations for women students Wednesday night.

A proposed plan approved by Dean of Women Dorothy J. Lipp and the WSGA executive committee which would lengthen hours for women and abolish the blackmark system will go to the WSGA Senate for final approval.

For many years, while the University as a whole has been adjusting to the modern trends of education, the rules governing the women on this campus have remained static. It is high time that realism has won out over idealism in trying to regulate women of college age.

If passed by Senate, the plan will give both freshmen and upperclasswomen extended weeknight hours and will abolish the ridiculous practice of regulation through the blackmark. The women students who have spent a year or two under the present rules should appreciate these new measures more fully than the freshmen who have had the chance to grow along with this progressivism.

At long last, coeds are being considered in a mature perspective. They will be better able to use their college days as a foundation for future conduct.

In the past the policy seemed to follow a line of trying to protect women who were old enough to leave the parental fold and come to college, but not old enough to be considered able to regulate their standards of conduct.

These rules will officially herald a new policy of recognizing trust in her to act in good fashion. Perhaps the new trust placed in the college coed will bring about a new and mature attitude which will penetrate into every aspect of her college life.