

Editorial Opinion

Wisconsin Voluntary ROTC

The University of Wisconsin Board of Regents has come up with a trial voluntary ROTC program which beats the reasoning of a 12-year-old. Wisconsin is one of the many colleges throughout the nation where the ROTC dispute is boiling.

The Wisconsin program provides a completely voluntary system for two years, beginning in 1961. If at the end of the two years the enrollment for advanced ROTC drops 25 per cent below the current enrollment, the system will revert to a compulsory program.

It is pure speculation on the part of those on both sides of the ROTC fence that the 75 per cent figure will be achieved. According to Fifth Army statistics, voluntary ROTC programs produce only half the number of officers furnished by the compulsory schools.

Proponents of voluntary ROTC concede that less officers will be produced. However, the argument is that the smaller number allows more concentration of instruction or, in other words, less quantity but more quality.

What has apparently happened at Wisconsin is that the critics of the administration's plan for voluntary ROTC have been quieted for two years. But they will have to be faced again in 1963.

SGA Assembly earlier this year recommended a plan for a common first year and a three year advanced ROTC program. This is being considered by a Senate committee.

A trend throughout the nation to revise the compulsory programs is apparent. The University should face the problem squarely and not sit back and wait to see what others are going to do about it.

Other Views

Faculty Evaluation

When MSU instructors draw heavy student criticism for neglecting their classroom duties of delivering such uninspired lectures that the most enthusiastic pupils trail off in boredom—then we think something ought to be done about it.

Reports of this sort caused creation of a faculty committee to study the situation. The committee gave birth to the teacher evaluation sheet.

The evaluation sheets provided students with the opportunity to rate their teachers and make any criticism they wished of the instructors' teaching methods. The ratings and comments were confidential.

A full-time staff was recommended to evaluate the opinionnaires and to serve as counsellors in teaching methods for faculty members rated poorly in the evaluation sheets.

To date the student's options of airing grievances against unqualified instructors are (1) opinionnaires and (2) department heads. The first choice keeps the problem on a private level; the second, if supported by conclusive evidence might well effect an instructor's chances for gaining tenure and promotion.

Aside from opinionnaires as such, we feel it might help the quality of instruction if a review board were established to determine the validity of student complaints. In the event of miscellaneous student misconduct charges the university has a highly-organized system of reviewing boards.

The same argument which support the existence of student conduct boards can be applied to the need for faculty board to screen charges of faculty "misconduct" in the classroom.

"This smacks of Big Brother," University Provost commented when approached on the idea. We concede the point, applying the same comment to the student conduct boards.

Of course, the best answer is to revive the opinionnaire system, instruct the department heads to require evaluation sheet ratings in classes and encourage low-rated instructors to seek the aid of the counselling committee in order to improve their teaching techniques.

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Campus Hopping

\$200,000 Per House; ROTC And Houseboys

Stumped . . . Dr. Milton Eisenhower and the presidents of John Hopkins University's 14 fraternities are having trouble solving their fraternities' housing situation. The cost of revamping the system—about \$200,000 per house.

The 400-member American Association of University Professors at Michigan State University went on record as favoring a voluntary ROTC program over the old compulsory system.

"Houseboys Living With 60 Coeds" was a headline in the Indiana University newspaper. The sorority houses, instead of using their pledges, employ young men to do their odds and ends. The young men live in the houses.

Tulane University class attendance suffered a mild blow last week—Why more so than usual? Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., is claiming "the best class ever." There were 36 on dean's list but 105 were placed on probation and 41 dropped from school.

Pledging and initiation has taken a more fraternal air at several schools. At the end of a common "hell week" more akin to Penn State's Greek Week, they all initiate at the same time.

Brotherhood?? Roosevelt University in Chicago doesn't allow blondes in certain areas, boys with crewcuts are barred from others and freckless students are prohibited from still others. These stunts were dreamed up by the student council in honor of Brotherhood Week to show the silliness of prejudices and discrimination.

Beloit College and Memorial High School in Beloit, Wisc., have a cooperative program which allows a select group of students from the high school to take a few college courses in place of one of their regular high school courses.

Gazette

TODAY

- Careers on Overseas Frontiers, 2 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel, John Rosengiant, 8 p.m., HUB dining room "A"
- Center Stage, "An Italian Straw Hat," 8 p.m.
- Club Hubana, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom
- Conference of Teachers of Economics, 9-4 p.m., 211, 215 HUB
- Freshman-Sophomore Dance Committee, 1-15 p.m., 212 HUB
- Pennsylvania Young Farmers, 10 a.m., 217-218 HUB
- Players' Show, "Detective Story," 8 p.m., Schwab
- Student Movie, 7 and 9 p.m., HUB assembly room
- WUS, 1:30, 218 HUB

TOMORROW

- Campus Party, Chique, 2-5 p.m., 215 HUB
- Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab
- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m., HUB cardroom
- Christian Fellowship, 2-4 p.m., 217 HUB
- Christian Mission and Culture, 2-30 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel
- Election Commission, 6:15 p.m., 121 Sparks

- Emerson Society, 6:30 p.m., 205 Boucke
- Grad Student Bridge, 7-10 p.m., 212 HUB
- Junior Class Advisory Board, 3:30 p.m., 214 HUB
- Newman Club, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
- Nittany Council, 2 p.m., 203 HUB
- Protestant Service of Worship, 9 a.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel
- Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab
- SGA Committee, 7 p.m., 215 HUB
- Spring Week Committee, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
- Student Movie, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
- Swedenborgren Service, 10:30-12 p.m., 212 HUB
- USF, 9:30 a.m., 217 HUB

MONDAY

- A Phi O, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
- Business Administration Student Council, 4:15 p.m., HUB Main Lounge
- BX Candidates, 6:30 p.m., 216 HUB
- CPA, 3:15 p.m., HUB assembly room
- Christian Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 213 HUB
- CPIC, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
- Engineering Mechanics Seminar, 4:15 p.m., 207 Engineering "A"
- Faculty Luncheon Club, noon, dining room "A" HUB
- ICCB, 8:15 p.m., 214 HUB
- IUCF, 7 p.m., 215 HUB
- Jr. IFC, noon, 110 EE
- Leadership Training, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
- Leonides, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
- SGA, 8 p.m., 217 HUB
- Text Book Tax Petition Committee, 8:15 p.m., 214 HUB

HOSPITAL

- Peter Calabovias, Tong-Chull Chey, Edline Chun, Albert Dorsky, Howard Gleit, Arnold Habic, Robert Kulick, Sally Lisi, Ramiro Perez, Barbara Reber, Bruce Smith, Nancy Stang, Helen Stewart, Michael Tamarkin, Peter Tryon, Walter Ulmer, William Updegraff.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



— AN IF YOU JOIN OUR SORORITY—YOU WILL HAVE BENEFIT OF EXCLUSIVE OUTSTANDING PLEDGE TRAINING.

4-Year-Olds Now Take Loyalty Oath by denny malick

"I thwear" is the lead line of a story in last week's issue of Newsweek, illustrating the ridiculous extremes to which the flag-waving American patriots are going nowadays.

The story concerns a four-year old boy who is employed as a pageboy for the Georgia legislature. Naturally,



being a state employe, the youth was required to take a loyalty oath, swearing he has never been a member of a Communist organization and does not want to overthrow the government.

Well, at least it's good to know that needy college students are not the only ones who are under the watchful eye of our noble patriots.

Students receiving loans under the National Defense Education Act are required to sign a loyalty oath and affidavit. It has been only through the loud noises — better known as pressure — made by the American Legion and such organizations that the affidavit has remained on the books.

It has been pointed out many times that there is no reason whatsoever that needy college students should be singled out for scrutiny by these flag wavers. Patriotism is fine until it blinds its believers. Hitler's followers were very patriotic. "If a student doesn't want to swear his loyalty to our country, he shouldn't get the money," they argue. At last look, farmers who receive government subsidies and persons getting unemployment compensation haven't been required to sign the oath and affidavit. The fact is that this bites at one of the very foundations of our American ideals — freedom of belief. I think that one of the best ways to win others — including Russians — over to the American way of thinking would be to have as many as possible study at American universities. American dollars could be used to set up such a program. So let's all salute our flag, then sit down and think, even you four-year-olds.

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- WDFM 91.1 megacycles SATURDAY
- 6:55 Weatheroscope
- 7:00 Hi-Fi Open House
- 9:00 Offbeat
- 1:00 Sign Off
- SUNDAY
- 6:55 Weatheroscope
- 7:30 The Third Programme
- 11:30 The Week in Review
- 11:45 Sign Off

