

Editorial Opinion

The Academic 'Draft'

The action of the Liberal Arts faculty, in seeking freedom of choice for its students with regard to the study of ROTC, is exemplary.

The faculty has made a thorough study of the issue and is constantly up-dating its reports for presentation to the University Senate.

It was just one year ago, on Nov. 3, 1960, that the Senate Committee on Educational Policy reported "for the information of the Senate" the text of a letter it had sent to Dr. Walker regarding its study of the ROTC issue.

This letter recommended "that there be no change at this time in the University regulations pertaining to student participation in ROTC programs."

The Department of Defense has never taken a firm stand on the issue. Its statements have either been equivocal or negative with regard to a compulsory training program.

One letter from the defense people read before the Senate last year said, "A military requirement does not exist for a compulsory basic ROTC program and the Department of Defense has no basis for favoring such a program."

There is a trend away from the compulsory to voluntary training even in land grant institutions. The University of Minnesota and Ohio State University (both land grant) have voluntary systems.

Beyond all this evidence we would say that when the armed services needs large numbers of men—they draft them.

This draft is not through a compulsory college program but through the usual draft boards. The ROTC program, would therefore be of better service to the armed services if it could concentrate on developing quality in its trainees rather than combat the apathy of the masses they now "draft" in college.

A voluntary program would assure this quality.

As the committee states in its report of Oct. 30, 1961, there is an additional point at stake here—that of intrusion on the educational process.

Certainly the four-term plan has intruded enough on the learning method and the contemplative mind. The elimination of compulsory ROTC would restore some of the academic integrity which has been sacrificed.

In conclusion, we can only say that other faculties might take a well needed cue from the Liberal Arts. Their documented reports are active idealism, not passive discussion.

In the face of all the evidence and the principles of self-determination at stake, we urge the University Senate to act in accord with the findings of this faculty, when it considers the issue this winter.

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Weird Hurricane Activity

by Joel Myers

Although weathermen had a clue that this hurricane season might be unusual as early as July, the developments that will set this hurricane season apart from previous years didn't begin until 10 days ago.

Unusually high water temperatures in the tropics last July provided meteorologists with their first evidence that the 1961 hurricane season would be more active than normal.

Tropical storms (hurricanes) are well-developed tropical storms with winds in excess of 74 miles an hour) derive their energy from latent heat of condensation.

The warmer the water temperatures in tropical oceans, the more energy is available in the form of latent heat for tropical storm development.

Until two weeks ago, this hurricane season was slightly more unusual than most, but the differences weren't outstanding.

Carla, one of the worst storms



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to hit the Gulf of Mexico in history, had smashed the Texas coast with 183-mile-an-hour winds and caused a half-million people to flee their homes in early September.

Esther made a complete loop over the north Atlantic after hitting New England and then returned for a second pass over New England several days later.

That path was one of the most extraordinary in weather history, but an even more erratic hurricane path has been observed in the past few days.

Hurricane Hattie, possibly the most intense tropical storm ever to develop so late in the hurricane season, hit the coast of British Honduras last Tuesday with winds of at least 200 miles an hour.

The reduction of moisture flowing into a hurricane over land and the friction caused by land obstructions are usually sufficient to kill any hurricane that has moved inland. But Hattie refused to die.

After crossing British Honduras, Hattie redeveloped in the Pacific and was renamed as a Pacific hurricane. It was called Simone.

As soon as Simone developed to tropical storm stature it turned abruptly northward and again went inland over Central America.

Again this tropical storm refused to die over land, and

after it emerged into the Gulf of Mexico Sunday it intensified into a tropical storm. The Weather Bureau promptly named it Inga.

Inga moved steadily northward Sunday, but made a loop Sunday night and began returning southward yesterday.

Late last night the storm that has borne the names Hattie, Simone and Inga and owns the weirdest track in weather history was approaching Central America for the third time in 10 days.

As if that storm weren't enough to give weathermen something to talk about, reconnaissance aircraft located what is probably the largest hurricane in history in the open Atlantic yesterday.

Hurricane Jenny, with gales extending 700 miles to the northwest and 250 miles to the southwest, is 25 times as large as Inga and covers nearly ten times the area of a normal hurricane.

At last report gigantic Hurricane Jenny was moving west northwestward in the general direction of the U.S. at the fast rate of 18 miles an hour.

It will probably turn to the north before coming dangerously close to the mainland, but weathermen have had their fill of excitement in recent days.

Letters to The Editor

Evidence Cited Lattman Answers Attack; Against HUAC Requests Student Views 'Documentary'

TO THE EDITOR: I am sorry that Mr. Blackom (The Daily Collegian, Nov. 3) is the one who is "so misinformed" as to HUAC.

As the editor has pointed out and as H. Res. 282, under which the House Un-American Committee was formed points out, the purpose of the committee is not to expose but "to investigate the extent, character and objects of Un-American propaganda activities in the United States."

He also said that if the editor can prove that "Operation Abolition" is "all lies", then he should do so. I say that he shouldn't bother to go through the trouble.

On August 9, 1960 Investigator Wheeler of HUAC, on NCOP-TV, admitted that several of the scenes in the movie had been spliced wrong and that they gave impressions that weren't true.

A picture in the May 23, 1960 issue of Life magazine was taken just as the hoses were turned on the students, shows them either sitting down or beginning to leave. They are not storming the doors as the movie's narrator would have you believe.

I would also like to say that here in the United States a person is supposed to be innocent until proven guilty by due process of law.

Yet Mr. Blackom has labeled Mr. Bridges as both leader of the students during their demonstration and as a Communist. Neither of which facts have ever been upheld by any court.

As the Governor of Michigan said when he censured the state police from showing the film to students: The films are "... inaccurate and distorted and thus harm, rather than advance, the purpose of an intelligent anti-Communist program."

—Richard Waibel '65

TO THE EDITOR: It is not my desire to exchange angry letters on your editorial page but the totally unwarranted attack by Mr. Elliot Newman on November 4 deserves a rebuttal.

The Senate Committee on Student Affairs is not specifically charged with the harassment of the students. The Committee, which contains three voting student members, does the best it can and expects, as does any similar organization, to be attacked no matter what it does.

We did not authorize the students to get ready to vote knowing all the while that they would not be able to vote. We authorized it at student request and then met every week, once in the evening, in order to charter S.G.A. so the vote could proceed. This was all done in good faith.

Concerning political parties in Assembly elections, the Committee attempted to ascertain

student opinion. It was divided even, among the student members of the Committee. Now what?

I do not wish to go down the list of charges specifically answering each one—but I could. Instead the Committee, wishing to be constructive, would like to know how the majority of the students feel on disputed points in the S.G.A. Constitution.

Perhaps the Daily Collegian could include a ballot containing key questions and on which the students could indicate their preference?

We are not out to "push students around" but to earnestly try to set up a valuable student program guided at all times by its educational value.

May I respectfully note that I am not writing in the name of the Committee but as an individual.

—L. H. Lattman
Chairman, Senate Committee on Student Affairs

AWS Program Restatement Prevents Study By Newman

TO THE EDITOR: This Thanksgiving vacation business is turning into a vicious circle. They want us to stay here so we can study for finals, so we can't have a vacation.

Now that we have to stay here, AWS wants to plan big things for the dorms, like decorate them, have a dinner, formal dance, talent show, jammy, or anything which will take up study time and create lots of noise.

If this comes off, nobody will be able to study anyway and we'll all have to leave if we want to get any work done. And if we have to go someplace else to study, we might as well go home.

AWS had better give this idea up, or else Mr. Proffitt will have to send back his four tons of turkey.

—Barbara Dippl '62

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to clarify my use of the word "administration" in my letter to The Daily Collegian of Nov. 4, 1961. In contradiction to the editor's interpretation, each time I used the word, I was referring to the people in Old Main who are supposedly paid to administer to the affairs of the University.

I believe that these Senate committees are nothing more than "puppets" and are controlled or "stacked" by the administration.

I would like to re-emphasize the fact that I can distinguish between the administration and the Senate, and that I may have used the words synonymously but correctly.

—Elliot Newman '63
Chairman, University Party
(Ed. Note: Administrative and faculty members of Senate Committees sit by position or nomination by the Senate Committee on Committees. Student members sit by position or appointment by the SGA President.)