

ROTC, Regular Service**Not the Same**

We hate war and we're sorry there's any necessity for burdening a college student with such things as military training. Nevertheless, we recognize the need at this time for an alert reserve army, officered by a carefully selected group of intelligent, well-trained men.

The University faculty may have had this in mind when it voted Wednesday to abolish the granting of military science credits to students with service begun after March 31, 1949.

The faculty was not unanimous in its decision. The vote was 62 to 35. We suspect there are many students on the campus, especially ex-GI's, who would agree with the dissenting professors. Most of those with whom we talked who expressed opposition to the faculty ruling centered their arguments around the claim that the six hours of basic training given by the University ROTC department is repetitious of training offered by the regular branches of the service.

However, after an hour with Colonel Maerdian, head of the military science department, we were compelled to agree with him that service training and ROTC training are not the same. The latter is definitely designed for future officers. Any GI would agree, certainly, that the former is not.

According to Colonel Maerdian, the curriculum now offered by his department was designed by high army brass working in close cooperation with a special board of outstanding civilian educators. It includes such courses as military organization, map-reading, and aerial photography. The student is given study in military administration as it applies to an officer. He is taught leadership and the exercise of command and is required to learn the evolution of warfare and the various phases of military law.

This program is a far cry from the spotty, piecemeal training meted out in the various branches of the "regular" services.

Under normal circumstances all physically fit male students are required to take ROTC. Since those students who entered service after March 31, 1949 will not have had the training required of those students with no service, we believe the faculty was justified in making the change.

Perhaps, some day there'll be no need for military training in American colleges . . . but that's another editorial.

Vitamin Shot Needed?

Have we come to the end of an era?

Time was when a call for petitions from the executive council would bring forth a glut of petitions from people willing to serve as chairmen of the various campus functions.

But from recent appearances the petitioner can almost be classed with the Dodo bird.

At present the traffic court, one of the more progressive student undertakings, is bottle-necked because not enough students have indicated willingness to be a part of the court.

On several occasions the executive council has had to extend the deadline because there were not enough persons to consider.

Campus activities have been definitely handicapped by this lack of interest on the part of the student body.

Criticisms of the petition system may be the underlying cause. Petitioning is inconvenient and for some years students have indicated they object to tooting their own horns in petitions. In order to win a worthwhile position, it is necessary sometimes to pad the list of activities on the petition.

It might be well for those seeking campus political offices to consider the possibility of revamping the petition system.

The executive council itself might solve the problem by organizing a sub-committee with the sole purpose of investigating the work done by people on committees.

This would involve more work for the few on the committee but it could culminate in the campus dream of bigger and better all-campus events.

It is time that a shot of vitamin B1 is given the old petition system. D.D.

A Student Asks--**Is Tonight's Vodvil Justified?**

To the Editor:

This University undoubtedly maintains a tight activity schedule, and must utilize all available time. However, such things can be carried to excess, as they have been for the coming weekend.

AWS weekend and the "All Campus Vodvil" are doubtlessly important, and the latter is for

a good cause; nevertheless, it seems in the very poorest of taste to hold either of these events on Easter weekend, and above all, an affront to hold the "Vodvil" on Good Friday, no matter how worthy the charity.

Whether this means that the administration and the ASUO

are unthinking or insensitive, I can't say; but this ignoring of Holy Week is the poorest possible publicity for the University, especially as AWS weekend is for the purpose of giving favorable publicity to this institution of higher learning.

Sincerely,

George Dorris

... Yes, Says Chairman

Dear Sir:

Not in answer but rather in explanation I submit these few remarks. When the school activity calendar is first made up, there are innumerable problems which arise including all of the dates and in putting them in any reasonable order.

For this and other reasons which I am not acquainted with, the calendar came out this year scheduling the Nickel Hop on Friday, April 15, and the Frosh Glee, an all-campus dance, in McArthur court on Saturday, April 16.

During the year, attempts were made to find a date for a vaudeville to raise money for the World Student Service Fund, which is a world-wide student charity sponsored by Catholic,

Protestant, and Jewish organizations alike.

When the ASUO executive council discarded the Frosh Glee because of financial reasons the date was immediately requested by W.S.S.F. and was the only date available for a vaudeville in the remaining part of winter or spring terms. But before either the U. of O. religious council or the ASUO executive council were able to be consulted and the date accepted, AWS wisely changed the Nickel Hop from Friday to Saturday. Of course this left April 15 as the only date.

The religious council spent a great deal of time with the question and a first tended to oppose a show on Friday. When it finally developed that it was then or never, several members of the

Eugene Ministerial association were consulted. Upon their approval we went ahead.

However, this approval was not the only reason for going ahead. We believe firmly in the work of WSSF and therefore we believed that the very purpose of the vaudeville really coincided with the thought of Easter. Every cent of the proceeds helps students all over the world to get back to health and to further their education.

We neither hope nor expect to draw anyone from Good Friday church services, but we do hope that many of the others will attend the show, thereby indirectly aiding in a wonderful cause.

Sincerely,

Art Johnson, Chairman
All-Campus Vodvil

No Closing Hours?**Well, Maybe--But Then, Er**

By Kirk Braun

A friend of mine approached me the other night during the intermission at a dance.

"Braun," he said, with a gleam in his eye, "you write stuff for the Emerald, don't you?"

I admitted I was guilty occasionally so he went on.

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"LOOK, these closing hours here at the University are atrocious. Why don't you start a campaign to get them lifted or at least modified a little."

I thanked him for his overes-

timation of my ability.

"We're grown men and women," he continued, "by the time we get into college we're supposed to be mature enough to take care of our own affairs. And we do, in every respect except for these juvenile closing hours at women's houses."

He stomped angrily off and I pondered his remarks. It's true that he is an old veteran--possibly a little older than the average veteran student. And his date was a mature, intelligent girl. Certainly a girl is able to bid her date good night and send

him on his way when she decides the evening should come to a halt.

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EVEN THOUGH this couple is a little further advanced in maturity than the average college couple, it still stands to reason that a girl in college is old enough to regulate her own social life. There are certainly a good many mothers who have long since abandoned control over these same 19-year-olds when it comes to closing hours at home.

All this happened last week.

This week, I changed my mind. While browsing through one of the Portland papers, I came across the story about how some 500 Portland high school students invaded the coast town of Rockaway, held drinking parties on the beach, broke into cabins and stores, got thrown in jail, and generally made themselves highly unpopular.

Are these the people who will be saying good-night on sorority house doorsteps at closing hours in the next few years?

If it is, then it's a wonder that the closing hours haven't been tightened up instead of slackened.

Traveling this Summer?**Might Need Shots**

To the Editor:

Each year a number of University of Oregon students plan to travel abroad during the summer. I should like to suggest that any student contemplating such a trip might come to the Students' Health Service to see about any special tests or inoculations that are required by foreign countries.

Almost all countries require small pox vaccinations at least within the last year. Certain South American countries require yellow fever and typhus inoculations. In certain of the Oriental countries, cholera inoculations are required. Any student who is going to Mexico is strongly advised to take typhoid inoculations although these are not required for Mexico.

The health service does not regularly stock all of these biological products but will be glad to order them for students who may need or desire them. A charge will be made to cover the cost of the material.

There is also another recent advance in medicine which may be of interest and value to students who are going abroad. There is a new remedy for sea sickness, which according to all reports in recent literature, is exceedingly valuable both in the prevention and treatment of sea sickness. This drug has only very recently become available and medical reports concerning its use have just become available to doctors.

I shall be very glad to discuss this remedy with any interested students. Any student who wishes to get any injections at the Health Service should come in at once in order that there may be sufficient time to secure the materials needed and to give a number of injections that are required.

Very truly yours,
Fred N. Miller, M.D.
Health Service

Phi Theta to Award Scholarships Soon

Three \$75 scholarships will be awarded to deserving woman students by Phi Theta Upsilon, junior women's honorary, this year.

Those interested may obtain petitions at the dean of women's office, fill them out and return them by April 23.

Financial status, scholarship, and service to the University are the factors to be taken into consideration by the judges. The scholarships will be awarded during the intermission of the All-Campus Sing, May 6.

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