

Should ROTC be eliminated? Students offer differing views

By Amy Moss Of the Emerald

The controversial ROTC program is again under attack by University professors and students.

Professor Bayard McConnaughey recently proposed to the University Senate, for the 14th time in the past 19 years, that the 39-year-old ROTC program be eliminated from campus. He charged that it is an outside agency and that it reinforces militarism.

ROTC trains students to become officers through military science courses and exercises held on campus. After graduation, the students must serve in the Armed Forces.

Campus-area students were asked whether or not ROTC should remain on campus. Some supported the program, and others did not.

"I believe it should be moved off campus simply because it is not an academic group. It's militaristic and doesn't have a place here on campus." said Angela Sondenaa, a sophomore biology major.

Joel Diegleman, a junior studying religious studies, agreed.



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mative action, then

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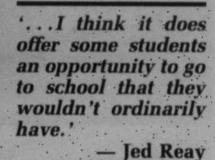
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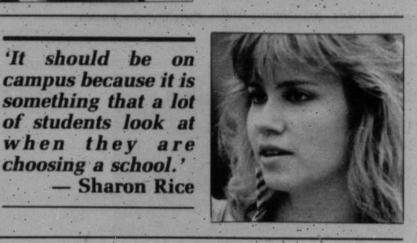
ed off campus.'

...ROTC on our campus is another aspect of the escalation of the militarization of our country...' Katherine

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existence of the ROTC on campus.

"It should be on campus because it is something that a lot of students look at when they are choosing a school. I have friends who chose OSU because it. had a more developed ROTC program. It' one of those things that helps to enhance the campus, and we need everything we can get to develop other interests." she said.

some students an opportunity to go to school that they wouldn't ordinarily have."

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their views. The Conservatives

should have an outlet for their

views just as any other group

"I don't think it should be off

campus," said Jed Reay, a

senior psychology major. "I

looked into the ROTC for

myself, and I think it does offer

does," he said.

- Sharon Rice

Sharon Rice, an undeclared sophomore, also supports the

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