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Reduction in Military Training?

For the past few weeks there has been a considerable amount of discussion concerning the reduction of military training at the University of New Brunswick. This discussion has arisen as a result of the reduction in military training, for third and fourth year technical students, at the Universities of McGill and Alberta.

After deliberation between students and faculty along with the officers commanding the C. O. T. C. and U. A. T. C., it has been decided that the question of reduced military training is one on which the faculty or unit commanders can have no final say. Instead, it has been suggested that students of the third and fourth years, who are taking technical courses, and who find that they cannot carry on both military and technical duties to the best advantages of either course, should meet and present their difficulties as a suggestion to the D.O.C. and thus try to bring an end to the question, one way or the other.

Accordingly The Brunswickan has presented this week, on the front page, a story containing a few suggestions, which do not necessarily convey the thoughts of every student, but it is written with the intention of enabling students to pick out good from bad and in so doing to have all students thinking in a similar manner.

We would, however, like to point out to those students who are of military age, and who have not been officially exempted by military authorities, that government regulations call for a definite amount of military training, and this training has to be fulfilled in a manner deemed satisfactory by military authorities.

We ask you, therefore, to read our front page story with an unbiased mind. Give it serious consideration and try to see our side of the question.

PROGRAMMES WEEK OF NOV. 29th

GAIETY

MON.—TUES.—WED.

BOB HOPE

BETTY HUTTON in

"LET'S FACE IT"

THURS.—FRI.—SAT.

"PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"

"Phantom of the Opera"

Starring

NELSON EDDY,

SUSANNA FOSTER,

CLAUDE RAINS

CAPITOL

MON.—TUES.—WED.

"STORMY WEATHER" with

Lena Horne, Bill Robinson

George Murphy, Ann Shirley

"The Mayor of 44th Street"

THURS.—FRI.—SAT.

"PETTICOAT LARCENY"

Ruth Warrick, John Carrol

Don Red Barry

"The Black Hills Express"



the gorbie

Sorry, folks—there's no regular GORBIE this week, since there is an important news story to take up the space.

But the GORBIE has news too—for the GORBIE is expectant, not of exams, but a blessed event. Wait 'til next week for this story to break.

Until then—happy studying!

P.S. Give this military training question a serious thought, won't you? And be able to express a definite opinion, if asked (any way you like—but... exercise... your privilege.)

FLASH: Wednesday night the Seniors upset the well known apple cart when they trounced the Frosh 42-28 in a regular Interclash fixture.

Reduction Sought

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student bodies.. of.. the two.. New Brunswick universities work in conjunction to have the plan considered jointly by their Presidents and the military authorities.

Recently, a few select students from the C.O.T.C. and U.A.T.C. met with the President to hear the commanding officers of the two corps present their reactions to the student proposals. Major Jones stated that the C.O.T.C. would suffer a severe loss if its officers and senior N.C.O.'s were free to elect a reduced plan of military training; and that the organization of a unit for such altered training would present certain difficulties with regard to staffing and space. Squadron-Leader Miller stated that his corps, while decreased by the move, would still be able to function efficiently—and such considerations presented no bar to effecting an altered training plan, if such were greater good. Dr. MacKenzie asked in the interests of the students' the students present to consider these remarks, and convey them to the student body. He suggested that if the students wished the matter pursued most efficiently, a statement of their wishes with supporting reasons be ratified by the student body and placed in his hands.

The S.R.C. committee compiling this report asks the full co-operation of the students, in expressing their opinions and adding any pertinent arguments to the following, which are under consideration at the present:

1. The advanced technical student cannot efficiently discharge two incompatible duties at one time, and be expected to attain the greatest proficiency in both military and technical roles in his short time at university work.

2. It is an acknowledged fact among students, to be substantiated by the professors of the faculties concerned, that laboratory work suffers in quality and quantity, when its time is restricted by the interposition of military lectures in the latter part of the afternoon.

3. The student who attends lectures, a laboratory period, and a military lecture, thus fills an 8½ hour day. To this, a conscientious student must add 3 hours each evening for the preparation of lab. reports and study assignments—forcing him to work an amount of time much greater than the basic 8-hour day of industry, or the average day of the military trainee. The resulting scarcity of time for relaxation and exercise, the constant pressure of his work, reduces student efficiency and morale, and paves the way for breakdown and failure. Reduction of the quota of time spent during the academic year on military lectures could do much to alleviate this situation. The examination results might well be expected to show a remarkable improvement with 110 hours increased study time.

4. Formation of a program of alternative training for technical students, would in no way prevent students from electing to take the present courses of training in the U.A.T.C. and C.O.T.C. Because of

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this complete freedom of choice, the plan should be endorsed by those students who desire to continue as at present.

5. Proposals to limit C.O.T.C. training during the term to the minimum 15 days required at present, while agreeable to the students, are not sufficient to answer the statements above. Further, any statement that present military training offers constructive exercise and physical training to sedentary students, is very open to question.

6. In view of the government's enlightened policy of encouraging technical students with monetary aid, and requiring that those enrolled complete their courses rather than answer draft calls, it would appear that pursuit of technical knowledge and efficiency should be the first aim of the university. That military training of

some nature is advisable for college students is not to be denied. During the first two years of college it would appear necessary to have compulsory basic training—since basic is all that can be offered of the highly developed instruction of modern warfare. It is fallacious however to continue to repeat this basic training for four years, when the time might be otherwise utilized to greater gain, towards the primary function of the university—academic training. On the other hand—if military training is to be the prime concern of the technical student—then draft calls should well be heeded when received, and the Science Student Regulations would appear meaningless.

"What a foolish task
To kick against the pricks".

—George Coleman

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