

Enrollment drops threaten ROTC

Almost half of the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps units on university campuses have suffered drops in enrollment that threaten their financial and academic viability, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The Chronicle, higher education's weekly newspaper, reports that some 140 of the currently existing 250 Army ROTC units have fewer than 17 students enrolled in their junior classes, a circumstance that suggests they may have difficulty producing enough commissioned officers to warrant the continuation of the units by the military.

The fate of those units is not clear, Lt. Col. Cornelius J. Radu, chief of the Army's ROTC branch, told The Chronicle that "letters of concern" would probably be sent to all schools with less than the desirable third-year enrollment, "warning them that their units have fallen to marginal levels in officer production."

Those schools would be given a year to increase their enrollments. They could then be put on "probation" for a year, after which the Army might terminate a unit whose productivity had not improved.

However, Colonel Radu stressed that most of the 140 schools now below the minimum were expected to qualify for continuation, particularly since many have sizable first- and second-year ROTC enrollments that will swell the third year classes in coming years. Only about 42 units are so diminished that they appear almost certain to be abolished, he said.

The "letters of concern" will be based on a new Defense Department requirement, not yet promulgated, that calls for third-year ROTC enrollments to total 17 or more.

However, the number of third-year students enrolled will not be the sole criterion for determining whether a unit will be continued. Colonel Radu said the Army would consider an institution's past record in producing officers, its administrative support of ROTC programs, its output of minority-group officers, and its geographical location, among other factors, before deciding to eliminate a unit. "We wouldn't hang our heads on one number," he said.

The Army will probably delay sending out its warning letters until after it has reviewed the enrollment

statistics next fall, at which time some of the 140 schools may already have bettered their standing.

The disestablishment of an ROTC unit would have varying impacts on the parties involved. Students already enrolled are generally provided for under a gradual phase-out, but students in future years would not have the option of ROTC training and would not be eligible for ROTC scholarships. The universities might thus have to come up with scholarship funds for some of those students, but they would also probably save some money on administrative costs, since ROTC units seldom pay their full overhead.

The armed services, meanwhile, are expected to obtain more of their officers through short-term Officers' Candidate Schools to make up for the drop in ROTC production.

Meanwhile, some institutions that banned ROTC at the height of anti-Vietnam war feeling in the late 1960's and 1970's are having second thoughts. Boston University whose faculty voted in favor of reinstating ROTC has been talking with military officials about the possibilities. Dartmouth College and New York

University have established committees to study the pros and cons of reinstating ROTC. And Harvard's president, Derek Bok, has reportedly complained that the decision to abolish ROTC from his campus was made "under extreme pressure and in great haste," although Harvard does not seem to have taken any official steps to reconsider its position.

The reasons cited for reconsideration on various campuses include alumni and trustee pressure, the waning of anti-military sentiment with the American pull-out from Vie-

nam, a desire to give students the option of military training if they desire it, a feeling that campus inputs can serve as a liberalizing and humanizing influence on the military, and a recognition that Congress often seeks to punish universities that have banned ROTC.

However, universities that banned the military won't necessarily be able to woo them back. There is a waiting-list of institutions seeking to establish units, and some military officials may harbor resentment against those that previously rejected them.

Campus Briefs

Officer address

Gen. George S. Brown, Air Force Chief of Staff, will address newly commissioned officers this Saturday.

A 33-year military veteran, the four-star general will also take part in Final Review of the Corps of Cadets. It will follow the 2:30 p.m. commissioning program in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Graduate lecture

Dr. Mary Ellen Rudin of the University of Wisconsin will present a graduate lecture Friday.

Dr. Rudin of the UW Department of Mathematics, will speak on "The Normality of Products" at 4 p.m. Friday in Room 200 of the Harrington Education Center.

Overseas jobs

The Student Overseas Services (SOS) which has been helping college students in Europe for the past 16 years announces that the number of summer jobs now available in Europe is higher than original estimates.

The placement office of the services states that in an effort to bring interested students together with available jobs a speeded up mail application system is being used. Jobs are given out on a non-profit, first come, first served basis to students between 18 and 27 years of age.

Students who have never previously worked or studied in Europe must undergo a brief orientation period at their own expense, after they arrive in Europe. Among other benefits to students, the orientation is designed to make certain every student gets off to their job on the right foot. Jobs, mostly in resorts,

restaurants and hotels, are not always plush and the work can be hard. But the fact is that a job is there, in Europe, and with free room and board and a standard wage any student willing to work can see and benefit from a trip to Europe at a minimal or even break-even cost.

Interested students should obtain and submit their applications soon. The forms, job listings and descriptions, and the SOS Handbook will be sent to anyone sending their name, address, name of school and \$1 (for printing, postage, addressing and handling only) to either SOS, Box 5173, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93108; or directly to SOS Placement Office, 22 Ave. de la Liberte, Luxembourg - Europe. Students can speed up processing by getting and holding until requested, 3 passport size photos and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or former employer.

Greek assignment

Prof. John Griffiths will work with the Greek government on agricultural meteorology, through a United Nations agency.

The state climatologist leaves Saturday for two months in Greece. Griffiths will serve in an advisory

capacity at request of the U. N. World Meteorological Organization.

"It is an excellent opportunity to use one's training and experience to assist a country that is trying to develop its agricultural potential," the meteorology professor said.

Physics colloquium

Dr. Rolf Ebert of the University of Wurzburg, Germany, will present a physics colloquium Friday.

Ebert's presentation, "Carnot Cycles in General Relativity," is

scheduled for 4 p.m. May 10 in Room 146 of the Physics Building.

All interested persons are invited to attend the program.

Funding proposals

A discussion on proposals for funding from the Texas Committee for the Humanities and Public Policy will be conducted by the program director, Sandra L. Myres at the Rudder Center, Room 402, at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 14.

Several representatives from local

organizations are expected and anyone is welcome to attend, particularly if they have an idea which would fall within the broad program theme for 1974-75: "The Individual and Government in Texas: A Humanistic Inquiry into How Individuals and Groups Influence Political Life."

Emotional caucus results in Schmidt's appointment

BONN, Germany (AP)—Helmut Schmidt, a tough finance minister cited as a firm friend of the United States, won his party's nomination Tuesday to succeed West German Chancellor Willy Brandt.

Brandt, who won a Nobel Peace Prize for improving relations between West Germany and Communist Eastern Europe, resigned early Tuesday over an espionage scandal.

While Bonn buzzed with rumor over possible underlying causes for Brandt's decision to accept personal responsibility for a close aide's role as

a Communist East German spy, the 55-year-old Schmidt's nomination was approved in an emotional session of the Social Democratic party's parliamentary caucus.

"This is not the time to yammer," Brandt told weeping legislators in his first public appearance since his resignation was announced soon after midnight Monday.

"I am certain that our state will have a federal government that is firmly on the track in 14 days," Schmidt said before breaking off a Hamburg visit to return to Bonn soon after his nomination.

The 60-year-old Brandt, whose policies of East-West rapprochement bolstered his country's world status and won him the 1971 Nobel prize, fell in a political storm raised by the discovery of a Communist East German spy on his personal staff.

Brandt had been chancellor for 4½ years and made normalization with the rival German government in East Berlin one of the chief objectives of his Ostpolitik. He had survived a parliamentary crisis sparked by his East-West detente policies two years ago and went on to win a special general election by landslide proportions.

But as his Ostpolitik slowed in the face of East German resistance and as inflation at home eroded his popularity, Brandt showed increasing irritability. Observers at home and abroad reported he seemed weary of his office.

The final straw appeared to be when Guenter Guillaume, 47, a pudgy-faced political affairs aide in the federal chancellery, was arrested as an East German spy on April 24.

Although other members of his government, chiefly Horst Ehmke, came under much harsher opposition attack, Brandt took upon himself "political responsibility for negligence in connection with the espionage affair Guillaume," as his letter of resignation expressed it shortly after midnight Monday night.

bulletin board

THURSDAY
EAGLE PASS HOMETOWN CLUB will meet in Room N of the Student Programs Office at 7:30 p.m. Rides home will be discussed.

FRIDAY
SCUBA CLUB will have a party at Ken Perkin's house, 912 Montclair. Admission is \$1.50 per person payable to Donna Cox by Thursday. For more information call 846-7032 or 822-5452.
BYRON UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH will meet in All Faith Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
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