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Military Training

The University Administration has dealt again with a number of students who sought exemption from military science.

We have always been at somewhat of a loss as to why there should be such a strong dislike for this training, and also as to why an exception should be made in this respect any more than it should be made in the case of any other course. Those suffering from ill health or physical disability are excused from physical education classes, but otherwise the exceptions are rare. Anyone who wished get out of this form of training would be rightly looked upon as a "sissy." A parallel might be drawn between these two cases.

It is not our intention to ridicule or otherwise find fault with those who feel sincerely that attending R. O. T. C. classes would be in violation of the dictates of their conscience. We can merely set that aside as something we appreciate but cannot understand.

We do not wish to give the impression that we are militaristic in feeling. Neither do we wish to raise the old question of disarmament versus preparedness. When presented with the opportunity to take the optional advanced military training, we politely declined. But we do feel that two years of training such as are given here at Ohio State are invaluable, and that the majority of those who "object" are actuated by a spirit of rebellion and laziness rather than any stern dictates of conscience.

The Jesters

"She Run Him Down," the play presented by the engineering dramatic organization, was declared to be an all-around success. The audience was satisfied and a substantial profit was realized.

This may prove to be disheartening to certain other campus dramatic groups which seem to oppose the growth and activities of the "Quadrangle Jesters."

The results of this year's production, however, definitely secure the permanency of the organization on the campus. With the support of the Engineering College it will continue to thrive and will overcome all barriers set up by competing dramatic societies.

An Activity

Extra curricular activities are an important part of a man's college life. One of the great advantages of a college education in contrast to other types is the broadening effect the general atmosphere has on the personality. Engineers, more than others, have a tendency to ignore this influence and suffer thereby.

The OHIO STATE ENGINEER offers an opportunity of an interest in an unrelated subject and training in a field comparatively unknown to engineers. The work is arranged and distributed so that a man carrying a full schedule can easily perform his duties to both the magazine and to school. The training is valuable to any professional man who is ever called upon to write. Anyone who at any time has to write for publication or who has any dealing with printers will find it very convenient to have a general knowledge of publications.

The editorial office, located in Room 7, Ohio Union, is open every afternoon from one to four. Any one who is interested in this work is invited to drop in to talk it over. If these hours are not convenient, the editor will be glad to arrange a personal appointment.

More Campus Walks

Our attention has been called to the sad condition of the Quadrangle between the Chemistry building and Robinson Laboratory. Paths worn by people crossing this area form a network of unsightly streaks. When the ground is wet, this part of the campus is more like a swamp than anything else.

Those who are justly proud of the fine condition of our college are annoyed by this situation. It is particularly unfortunate that this should occur when it would be so easy to remedy. Two things might be done in this regard. The superintendent of grounds might put a fence around this section, and thus force the students to keep to the sidewalks around the edge. But better still would be to put in some new walks where the paths are worn and thus provide a more sightly means of crossing from one building to the other. We would suggest that the Engineers' Council is the logical organization to see that some such steps are taken.

—THE EDITOR.