

COLLEGE PHYSICAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member:

This year again, as in 1942, the Executive Council of the Association has decided not to hold a meeting during the Christmas holidays. The importance of eliminating as much travel as possible on transportation systems which are greatly overloaded at this time is evident to all.

Last year two sectional meetings were held during the early part of the year. In each instance the meeting was very worthwhile and was considered helpful to all who attended. Full reports of these meetings appear in the Proceedings for 1942.

It is planned to hold a meeting during the annual convention of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, which will take place in New York City on April 24, 25 and 26.

Another meeting of the Association is being planned in connection with the conference of the Mid West Physical Education Association. This conference is scheduled for April 12-14 in Detroit.

President Carl P. Schott is working out details of the meetings with the officials of the two organizations named above. When the plans are completed an announcement will be sent to each member.

From the results of a brief study made last spring it appears that the colleges represented by members in the Association are engaged in some form of military training program. In some colleges the departments of physical education have bigger programs to carry on than ever before. In others the military trainees have made it possible to maintain programs that otherwise would have been dropped.

Although all colleges reported loss of members from their staffs very few indicated at that time that they were in any difficulties because of a shortage of staff members. About half of those replying stated that further losses of men from their staffs would create real problems for them in trying to carry on the required program.

Since this study a committee from this Association, Mr. E. L. Mercer and Mr. D. Oberteuffer, working along with Mr. E.E. Wieman, Chief, Physical Training Division, Army Specialized Training Program, met with Selective Service Officials in Washington on the matter of maintaining staffs in departments of physical education in colleges having military trainees enrolled. The meeting resulted in a plan for handling one of the problems faced by directors of departments whose men are being taken for military service, whose men feel that they should seek induction, or should find a job in an "essential" industry.

The information on this matter has been mailed to heads of departments who are members of the Association.

Seasons Greetings to you.

Glenn W. Howard
Secretary-Treasurer.