

# THE COLLEGE PHYSICAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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To the Members of the College Physical Education Association:

I. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you for the past seven months through the Association. The continuance of this service is now at an end. Following the conclusion of arrangement for my work here, the University of Pittsburgh granted a leave of absence and I now leave for service in the United States Navy. Decision to take this step followed the same sort of factor-weighting that all of us have been doing since our last Annual Meeting in Detroit - "where and how may I be of greatest service in the war effort?"

II. I would like to report that since December, letters have been written to the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of War, offering the full services of the Association. Letters of appreciation were received from both of these offices. If the Association's services, as contrasted to those of individuals, are needed by these officers, notifications will be directed to the Association. Certain other steps have been taken in an effort to make the weight of the Association felt. As time goes on, more definite information regarding these steps may be forthcoming.

III. Through our Secretary, Doctor Glenn Howard, arrangements are being made for the next Annual Meeting in December.

IV. My membership in the Association shall be kept active and it is hoped that all members including those who go into military service will keep up their memberships. In fact, would it not be advisable now for members to assist our Secretary in expanding the number of members of the Association?

V. Dean Carl P. Schott will carry on as your President for the coming months. I know you will aid him in effecting his plans.

VI. If progress is indicated by comparing professional recognition now and twenty-five years ago, some professional advancement has been made. It was not until the close of the last war that any appreciable recognition was given to trained physical educators. Today, it appears that good programs of physical education and athletics have resulted in considerable recognition by the various branches of the armed forces. More directly, Commander Gene Tunney is the first officer either in the Army or the Navy purposely to enlist men with degrees in physical education. He was the first officer to make such a requirement a standard for appointment in the United States Naval Program of Physical Training. Since this initial step was taken, several military and naval branches have organized commendable programs of physical training under trained leadership.

VII. Finally, we all recognize the vital responsibility of trying to make the civilian population physically fit. If this obligation is neglected, children, workers in the war industry, other adults, and young men who may soon be in military service will suffer. The members of the Association who elect to continue tackling this important duty deserve outstanding praise and credit in this effort.

Very truly yours,

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