

Physical Education Majors May Have Part in Training Draftees

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FOLLOWING a government physical education training program, the University of Wichita is now training men for civilian physical education directors in the army camps. Dr. Laurence E. Morehouse, director of physical education, announced.

"The program which has been introduced into most of the colleges throughout the country, will give students majoring in physical education an opportunity to become athletic directors in the Army and Navy," Dr. Morehouse stated.

A bulletin received from the Navy Department states that the Navy Air Corps has already made progress in such a program.

According to the bulletin the Navy Air Corps has already set up induction centers in various schools and colleges where the necessary dormitory and athletic facilities are adequate enough to accommodate the large number of recruits.

The recruits will go through training in these induction centers for three months, after which they will be sent to other places for flight training. According to the bulletin during the first period the recruits will be whipped into top physical condition and morale by physical training experts, coaches and athletic trainers, recruited from the athletic departments of the various schools and colleges.

These induction centers are located in the East, Middle West, Far West and South, and the institutions selected for this purpose will function as training centers on the general plan as the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, the bulletin further stated.

"An athletic program of this kind is necessary," Dr. Morehouse said, "because the Army and Navy will need all of their line officers to train the recruits and consequently the commissioned officers who have been serving as athletic officers will not be able to spend as much time on this work.

"The man who is in excellent physical condition when he enters the army will get more immediate enjoyment out of army life. He will stand a better chance of early promotion and will be of far greater usefulness than the man who breaks into the strenuous physical grind while soft and out of condition." The reason for so much stress on physical training for army men is noted in a statement received by Dr. Morehouse from the University of Chicago.

"Those men who enter the army as physical educational directors will enter under the same status as medical officers" Dr. Morehouse stated. They will be given reserve commissions in grade, commensurate with their age and athletic experience."

This is the first year that the University of Wichita has given students an opportunity to major in physical education Dr. Morehouse said. Those students who are now enrolled in a physical education major or minor are the following: Howard Blosser, Henry Clougherty, Carmine DePascale, Eugene Fleek, Charles Gibson, James Bert Hayes, Harry Helmer, Doyle Koontz, Kenneth Ptacek, Oscar Schaaf, Tom Slattery, Paul Stout, Lyle Sturdy, Robert Warwick and Billy Wolffarth.