

Physical Education Made Compulsory

Western Reserve Adopts New Program to Meet Military Needs

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CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 11—A new program of physical education for "self-preservation" is being inaugurated at Western Reserve University under the direction of Robert M. Grueninger, associate Professor of Physical Education, Dr. Winfred G. Leutner, president of the university, announced today, following faculty action. The program is compulsory and is "designed to equip each individual with the necessary requisites for induction into military service."

Professor Grueninger, who has just returned from a leave of absence to develop the program with Army and Navy officials at Fort Meade, pointed out that among other things fully accepted as important to the inductee are: "A total body development."

"Combat efficiency connotes more than condition," Professor Grueninger added. "It implies the ability to endure the utmost physical strain and have enough to perform with efficiency. This concept precludes the idea that a man can do all his training in an eleventh-hour program. It means that our youth should put on muscle and acquire a wide variety of useful skills."

These skills, Professor Grueninger believes, may be listed under two classifications: Skills for combat efficiency and skills for self preservation. These include such important abilities as climbing, throwing, jumping, vaulting, diving, rolling, falling, and individual combat activities.

The program to develop useful skills he said will include the obligatory popular military sports of rope climbing, scaling, acrobatics, track and field.