

Toughening Up For Collegians

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WASHINGTON. (AP) — With peacetime military training and physical fitness legislation before Congress, sentiment is growing among the legislators in favor of incorporating army "toughening-up" methods—including obstacle courses—into college curricula.

Representative Carlson of Kansas, Republican, who reports the spread of this opinion in Congress, says:

"We ought to have the benefit of the army's experience as the basis of whatever we do in the future in physical fitness and military education programs."

Carlson cites specifically the excellent results obtained by the army in the use of obstacle courses.

One such course, considered among the best, is at Camp Robinson, Ark. The program in operation there would be available to schools and colleges.

Developed by Infantry Col. Preston B. Waterbury, the Camp Robinson program has been tested in preparing overseas-bound replacements for fighting divisions.

Brig. Gen. Henry P. Perrine, commander of the infantry replacement training center at Camp Robinson, and many other army officials who have studied the plan in operation are in complete accord as to its value—for wartime training of fighting men now, and possible use in physical conditioning of high school and college students after the war.

The Camp Robinson conditioning program itself is primarily designed to prepare men to meet enemy soldiers. But it can be adapted to answer the nation's needs for an uplift of the physical standards that caused more than 4 million young men to be rejected for military service.

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