

Lyman Would Favor Modified ROTC Plan

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President Richard Lyman last night said he would support a modified form of ROTC on campus if student interest in the program were sufficient.

Speaking on KZSU's "Campus Conference," Lyman said he favors an ROTC program in which the University could be "both the generator and teacher of courses.

"I would support a good vehicle by which students can undergo armed forces training, the military parts of which are off campus, providing the impact on this institution are not adverse," he said.

Senate Meets Thursday

The Faculty Senate will consider whether to reopen the controversial debate over on-campus ROTC programs Thursday in its first meeting of the quarter. The Senate voted to phase out the ROTC program in 1970.

Lyman said his principal objections to ROTC centered around the issues of academic credit, "quasi-faculty" status of military personnel and punitive clauses in ROTC students' financial aid contracts.

He advocated a "system in which the control in credit is firmly vested in the University" and said he could not endorse "courses designed by the Pentagon and taught by its employees," with the University limited to veto power over these courses.

Stanford faculty must be responsible for the planning and teaching of classes under an acceptable ROTC plan, he said.



PRESIDENT LYMAN

Lyman lashed out at the military for imposing immediate induction as the penalty for any student who chose to drop out of previous ROTC programs.

"I think it's highly desirable to have the system converted to a forgivable loan" where if the student finished his training, the government would "forget" his expenses. If a student chose to drop out of ROTC, the government could then require him to pay his loan back, Lyman explained.

Lyman cautioned that even if the faculty were to endorse reinstatement of ROTC wholeheartedly, the military may be unwilling to return here or

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may ask the University to "wait its turn" in favor of other colleges which have not phased ROTC out.

'Very Preliminary'

He noted that the Faculty Senate's discussion Thursday will be "very preliminary" and that "there may not even be a great likelihood of ROTC succeeding here."

"There's no point in arguing ROTC" without first considering "the question of student interest." Only 150 students signed a petition asking the Faculty Senate to reconsider ROTC, 350 short of the required number, he added.

Chicano Adviser

Turning to other matters, Lyman said it would probably take "a period of several months" before he names a new assistant for chicano affairs.

Salvador Sanchez, Lyman's former chicano adviser, was promoted last quarter to special assistant to the president.

Lyman said his search committee empowered to select a new chicano adviser has just begun preliminary work. He commented that the interim "executive committee of concerned chicanos" is working reasonably well.

Lyman also backed the Athletic Department in asking KZSU to refrain from broadcasting varsity basketball games over FM. The University's exclusive contract with KSFO is "not being honored as long as KZSU broadcasts over FM," he said.

He suggested that the campus radio station continue presenting basketball coverage "over its AM cable to the dorms" to capture the only "original" campus audience.