Where is ROTC?

Another academic year is well underway at Stanford. It is another year with no ROTC programs on campus. There is real interest among students for such programs. But once again the Administration chooses to ignore a student's choice in this regard.

Several Sophomores at Stanford have chosen to take ROTC. A "back pocket" arrangement with the University of Santa Clara has been set up. These students must commute all the way to that University for their work. They receive no academic credit from Stanford.

Our sons and daughters are being denied a basic right — the right to participate in ROTC programs. We want that right restored to them.

During this time of the University's financial difficulties, it seems foolish to keep tabling the decision to return ROTC to campus. After all, ROTC scholarships pay cash for tuition. They also provide money for the cost of textbooks, fees of an instructional nature, and a subsistence allowance of \$100 per month — for a maximum of 40 months — to each participant.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Robert Minge Brown, in discussing ROTC played down the fact that ROTC would provide meaningful financial help for the University through scholarships for students participating. He stated that if students needed financial help, they could sign tuition notes. "Some of our best alumni were students who signed tuition notes," he stated.

In fact, ROTC scholarships include tuition. There would be cash payments to the University rather than tuition notes.

Such payments would materially help Stanford's cash problem. By Mr. Brown's own admission, it would be most helpful to participating students.

It would also help parents who bear the cost of a college education. It would provide cash instead of tuition notes. This would ease the financial crisis at Stanford.

It should be noted the U.C.'s Academic Senate voted to abolish the ROTC program at Berkeley. But the Board of Regents had the fortitude to overrule them. The ROTC program continues at Berkeley.

The UC Academic Senate has voted again this year to abolish the program, but has decided it needs a vote by the entire faculty. This vote is now being taken. Hopefully, the entire group will reverse the Academic Senate's position. If not, we dare predict that the Board of Regents may again overrule and retain ROTC. Perhaps Stanford's Board of Trustees will show the same fotitude on this issue.

Most of this nation's prestigious private universities are offering at least one branch of ROTC. Following is a partial list of those schools. We of the New Founders League of Stanford feel it is high time Stanford's name is returned to this list. Our young people — and our country — are entitled to this.

SOME PRIVATE SCHOOLS OFFERING ROTC

Army ROTC

Auburn
The Claremont
College
Univ. of Santa Clara
Georgetown
Mercer
DePaul
Loyola of Chicago
Tulane
Bowdoin
Loyola (Baltimore)
The Johns Hopkins

Univ

M. I. T.
Northeastern Univ.
Princeton
Seton Hall Univ.
Cornell
Fordham
Hofstra
Clemson
Bucknell
Rice
Lehigh

Air Force
Cal Tech
Howard Univ.
Grambling College
College of the
Holy Cross
Stevens Institute
of Technology
Duke
Duquesne Univ.
Brigham Young Univ.

Navy ROTC
Auburn
Cornell
Duke
M. I. T.
Northwestern
Notre Dame
Purdue
Rice
Tulane
Villanova

Let's see Stanford's name on this list!

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