

ACCELERATED PROGRAM AT PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

Report to Mr. Frank Magee

March 20, 1943

1 The Calendar of Providence College is as follows:

The Spring Term began December 19, 1942, and will end on April 21, 1943

The Summer Term will begin on May 4, 1943 and end on August 9, 1943.

The Fall Term will begin on September 14, 1943.

2 Students who are studying for the Catholic Priesthood at Providence College:

These should be classified as IV-D. In reference to this group of students at Providence College the following statement is quoted from a letter of Lt. Colonel Simon P. Dunkle, National Headquarters, Selective Service System, Washington, D.C., addressed to the State Director of Selective Service for New York, under date of February 23, 1943 (No. 3-2.17-164):

"It is the opinion of this headquarters, after careful study of the matter, that Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island, comes within the definition of a theological or divinity school, recognized as such for more than one year prior to the date of enactment of the Selective Service Training and Service Act 1940, within the meaning of Section 5(d) of said Act, and, section 622.44, Selective Service Regulations, second edition".

3 Students majoring in Physics, Chemistry, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Dentistry fall under the regulations of deferment included in Selective Service Occupational Bulletin No. 10 and 11 (Amended March 1, 1943)

4 In regard to the Navy V-12 and the Army A-12 Examinations that are to be conducted at the College on April 2nd, it might be well to state that a number of the students between the ages of 17 and 20 (Navy) and 17 and 22 (Army) are planning to take these examinations. It would seem in accordance with the policies of the Manpower Commission to defer these students until they have taken the examinations.

5. The Lay Professors of the Faculty:

In regard to the lay Professors at the College it may be noted that their services as Professors are required for teaching the Basic Engineering Program of the Army which, according to present indications, should be started in the near future at Providence College. A unit of 500 soldiers is expected. It is impossible to obtain substitutes for these lay Professors, since the College needs not only their services but also those of additional teachers who are now being added to the Faculty.