During the year the ROTC Committee did not hold any formal meetings. The chairman and committee members kept abreast of the program through personal contact with the ROTC Department and the circulation of information in the form of memos and other media. The following items, which will be discussed in separate paragraphs, were of primary interest to the Committee since this is the second year in which the program has been operating as an elective program on a permanent basis:

A. ROTC Legislation  
B. Enrollment  
C. Freshman Orientation  
D. Summer Camp  
E. Flight Training  
F. Facilities  
G. Pershing Rifles  
H. ROTC Rangers

**ROTC Legislation** - A bill for the vitalization of the ROTC program of all three services is presently pending in the Congress. Major changes provide for the following:

A. Operation of a two-year ROTC program along with the standard four-year ROTC program.
B. Authorization for full financial assistance (scholarships) to a small number of students who participate in the four-year ROTC course.
C. Increase in the retainer pay from $27.00 to $50.00 per month.

When this bill will be enacted is most uncertain due to pending legislation. The course of action UW-M should follow regarding the two-year versus the four-year program must await study of the final form of the legislation. Any decision at this time would be premature. It is the intent of the committee to keep current on this matter.

**Enrollment** - The downward trend in enrollments noted in last year's report has continued.

While this is of concern it must be pointed out that percentage wise the figure is not disconcerting. Furthermore, in comparison to other universities in this area, UW-M has been outstandingly successful in its enrollment efforts. A comparison of the Milwaukee and Madison campus ROTC freshman enrollments is as follows:

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There has been a nationwide decline in enrollment of Advanced Corps students, particularly third-year students, which is of some concern to the Department of Defense. Factors influencing this trend are believed to be: lessening of international tensions, the change in the draft status of married men, and the proposed legislation regarding the ROTC program. UW-M has also had a slight decline in MS III enrollments but it is believed that this decline will not materially reduce the number of graduates receiving officer commissions.

**Freshman Orientation** - In December of 1962, letters were mailed by this committee to ask all male faculty members to assist in the presentation of the first period of the mandatory six-hour, ROTC orientation course. Forty-six faculty members replied and 30 volunteered their assistance. Those who participated during the two semesters of the school year 63-64 were:

- Dr. M. R. Summers  
- J. E. Tricamo  
- M. N. Besel  
- C. E. Twining  
- Dr. W. P. Pufahl  
- R. R. Krzoska  
- Dr. P. L. Lehrer  
- Dr. L. H. Mathews  
- Dr. H. F. Klingman

The orientation program is one of the most important factors in UW-M maintaining its relatively high enrollment in ROTC. The continued interest and support of the civilian
faculty is most essential. Faculty members who have volunteered to assist in the orientation are to be commended.

Summer Camp - The UW-M cadets who attended the annual ROTC encampment at Fort Riley, Kansas, during the summer of 1963 achieved first place standing among all major universities from nine midwestern states. Two cadets, Jay Johnson and Alan B. Pitt, placed second and fourth, respectively, in individual standings from among 2100 students from 41 different colleges and universities, and also won first place awards in their training companies. Dean Merlin L. Hayes and Dr. Marvin R. Summers visited Ft. Riley during the encampment and were highly impressed with the nature of the training and the spirit and performance of the UW-M students.

Flight Training - As an added incentive, plans are well advanced to add a flight training program to the ROTC program at UW-M beginning in the fall of 1964. If approved by Department of the Army, this course would include 36 hours of flight training and 36 hours of ground training leading to qualification for a private pilot's license. The course is offered without charge to senior ROTC students capable of passing the stringent physical requirements and volunteering to participate in flight training.

Facilities - Plans call for the ROTC detachment to move to "E" Building sometime this summer. This will give the department permanent facilities which have been sorely needed. While this move will solve most of the housing and classroom problems the need for an adequate range remains. Efforts to overcome this problem are being made.

Pershing Rifles - In the fall semester, SY 62-63, the ROTC Pershing Rifles drill teams participated in their annual regimental drill meet at Lincoln, Nebraska. Other member companies of this regiment are located at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, University of Nebraska, State University of Iowa, Iowa State University, University of Minnesota, University of South Dakota, and South Dakota State College, St. John's University (Minnesota), Ripon College, and Marquette University.

The UW-M company took top honors, winning first-place trophies in the two primary events, a first-place individual award, and a coveted first-place company award which is a traveling trophy standing 54" high.

The PR's also competed in the Milwaukee Armed Forces Day Parade and won a first-place trophy. Thus far in SY 63-64 the company has won a second-place in the UW-M Ice Sculpturing contest, two second-place trophies, and a third-place trophy at the Wisconsin Invitational Drill Meet in Madison. This team, which was rated third in the nation last year, has been selected from among 11 mid-western universities to compete in the National Exhibition Drill Championship at Washington, D.C. on 8-12 April 1964.

The Pershing Rifles Drill Team took first place in Class A Exhibition Drill at the Illinois Invitational, the largest drill meet in the country.

Ranger Activities - Marksmanship training classes were conducted in October for 58 new freshmen Rangers. The Ranger Rifle Team is presently tied for first place in the Wisconsin ROTC Rifle League, with UW-Madison Army. Both teams have five wins and one loss. Our team has competed in this league for eight years with an overall record of 65 wins against 8 losses. Additional meets outside the league are also scheduled during the remainder of the semester.

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