Annual Report of the ROTC Committee
1967-68

The ROTC Committee has maintained all essential contacts with the program during the past year. It has been additionally instrumental in evaluating and recommending the implementation of a new ROTC curriculum at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The following items were of primary interest to the Committee and are hereby reported to the faculty.

**Enrollment**

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The 1967-68 total lower enrollment is primarily due to lower sophomore and freshmen enrollment (basic course). This is in part attributable to lower total male enrollment in those classes within the University. It should be pointed out that enrollment within the ROTC Advanced Course and officer production is not appreciably affected.

**Future Enrollment - Two Year ROTC Program**

Future enrollment especially within the Junior and Senior phases of the program should increase. The impact of the ROTC Two-Year Program will be felt next year. The Department has received sixteen (16) applications this year compared to one (1) last year. This program is becoming increasingly attractive to upper-classmen and graduate students because of present changes in selective service procedures.

**Freshman Orientation**

A major change was initiated in changing the required Freshman Orientation from six hours to two hours. The change was more acceptable to the student and produced no significant changes in the number of Freshmen entering the program.

**Proposed ROTC Curriculum Change**

In recent years the Army ROTC curriculum has been studied by military and civilian groups in an effort to update the program in order to keep pace with the changing requirements on the university campuses throughout
the country. These studies have suggested that a number of changes ought
to be considered in order to develop an ROTC curriculum which is more
challenging to the student, and more responsive to academic requirements
of colleges and universities and the military training requirements of
the armed services. One of these studies, conducted by the Mershon Center
for Education in National Security at Ohio State University, proposed
that the current curriculum be modified through the elimination of courses
aimed at the acquisition of military skills in the freshman and sophomore
years. Courses currently taught in the freshman and sophomore years would
be replaced by academic courses in Military History and Political Science,
designed to provide the student with a broad background with which to
pursue further studies in Military Science.

In response to these studies, the Department of the Army has invited
nineteen (19) of the 247 institutions offering Army ROTC to revise the
current ROTC curriculum in order to develop a new program, which would best
meet the needs of the particular college or university concerned. In a
letter to the Chancellor, the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Harold
K. Johnson, invited the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to participate
in the revision of the current ROTC curriculum, through the development of
a new Army ROTC program. General Johnson's letter included a suggested
program based substantially upon the recommendations made by the Mershon
Center. It also encouraged wide latitude in the development of a program
best suited to UWM's needs and best utilizing the resources available on
this campus.

The nature of the ROTC curriculum change is as follows:

A. Course offerings in Military Science carrying degree credit will
only be offered in the third and fourth years of the program. Under existing
arrangements, two-credit Military Science courses are offered in each
of the first two years.

B. ROTC students will be required to complete Political Science 175
International Relations; Geology 100 or 101, Introductory Geology; and
either Sociology 608, Military Sociology, or Communication 103, Public
Speaking in the pre-professional portion of the program. Under the present
program, the only specific academic requirement is History 257, Military
History, which will remain a requirement in the proposed program.

C. There is no new academic course offering recommended. Existing
courses are being incorporated into the Military Science requirements and
the individual departments have been involved in discussions and have indicated their willingness to support the program.

D. The Department of Military Science is rearranging its offerings
into what appears to be a more logical sequence. The subject matter will
remain substantially the same but since courses will be offered at new
levels, it has been necessary to renumber these offerings. There will be
no increase in the number of degree credits for these offerings in Military
Science.
The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has been given the opportunity to develop a pilot officer training program, as one of several universities invited to participate in an experimental program. The purpose of the program is to develop prototype training programs suitable for implementation throughout the country. It is encouraging to note that the proposed program recommended by the UWM ROTC Committee represents the boldest departure from the current ROTC curriculum, which has thus far been proposed by the several universities participating in the experimental program change. The Department of Military Science is confident that this bold departure is necessary in order to develop an officer training program responsive to the changing demands of our national defense. We are hopeful that through its contribution, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will provide a model training program commensurate with the needs of our modern society.

The proposal for the ROTC curriculum change has been submitted to the UWM Course and Curriculum Committee. It is hoped that the revised curriculum can be implemented in September of 1968.

Facilities

The Military Science Department has continued its operation this year in "P" Building. Displacement to other facilities at the end of the spring semester will be necessary. The Administration has not yet proposed any areas for suitable relocation. The problem of adequate facilities continues to be a major item of concern for the Department and this committee, as it has for the last several years.

Summer Camp

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Fred Strache and Assistant Dean of Scholastic Affairs, Letters and Science, Charles Twining, were the faculty representatives at the "67" Advanced Course Summer Camp, Fort Riley, Kansas. During the two-day visit, they met with the forty-one (41) UWM cadets at the camp and viewed the training activities with educators from approximately forty (40) other schools. Fifty-one (51) students will attend the "68" camp.

Flight Training

Department of the Army has contracted for 36.5 hours of flight training and 35 hours of ground school for three (3) UWM ROTC students with Midwest Airways of Mitchell Field. Upon completion of the program, the individuals will receive a private pilot's license and receive further flight training upon entry into active duty.

Pershing Rifles

The Pershing Rifle Drill Company of the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee enjoyed a successful season during the spring of school year 1966-67, finishing fourth in the National Invitational Drill Meet in Washington and retiring the Governor's Trophy at the Illinois Invitational Drill Meet. The
season served to enhance the national recognition earned by the competition units. This spring promises to be equally rewarding for the UWM Drill Teams, having already finished first at the Wisconsin Invitational Drill Meet. The Pershing Rifles are scheduled to compete again this year in the Illinois Invitational Drill Meet, which is the largest in the Midwest, and the National Invitational Drill Meet in Washington, D.C.

Rangers Rifle and Pistol Club

The ROTC Ranger Rifle Club consists of UWM students interested in rifle marksmanship, competition, and sportsmanship. Approximately 700 UWM students participated in the Ranger sponsored Annual All-University Turkey Shoot prior to Thanksgiving.

The Rangers also sponsor the ROTC Varsity Rifle Team which is well on the way to another winning season into the Wisconsin State ROTC League. The Team has participated in the Annual Kansas State University Invitational Rifle Match and hopes to participate in the Big Sky Invitational in Roseman, Montana.

Scabbard and Blade

The Society of Scabbard and Blade at UWM consists of select individuals from the ROTC Advance Corps. The primary purpose of the society is to raise the standards of military education on the campus, encourage and foster the essential qualities of good and efficient officers for the Armed Forces, and to promote friendship and good fellowship among the cadets of the ROTC brigade and other students in the University. The members of the society are chosen for their demonstrated leadership ability and mastery of military subjects taught during the basic course.

This organization annually sponsors the Military Ball held each spring. This highlight of the school social season is well attended by both military and civilian faculty, and also students. In addition, the society has recently adopted a Province in Vietnam to show moral and physical support for that beleaguered nation.

Guidons

Company F of the National Society of Guidon located at UWM has made significant progress in its development. The organization, primarily a woman's social organization, has grown from fifteen (15) to seventy-five (75) members. While maintaining a close working relationship with the Scabbard and Blade and the ROTC Department, Guidon has assumed the additional responsibilities as a campus service organization acting as usherettes, hostesses, and guides for university sponsored activities.

On February 1, 1968, a group of fifteen (15) Guidons traveled to Great Lakes Naval Hospital in Illinois and visited the many servicemen hospitalized there. They are also co-sponsors in a project to provide supplies to needy Vietnamese civilians.

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