The ROTC Committee maintained all essential contacts with the program during the past year. The Committee was instrumental in evaluating the new ROTC curriculum at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The following items of primary interest to the Committee are reported to the faculty.

**Enrollment**

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The drop in freshman ROTC enrollment during 1968-1969 is attributed to:

1. The implementation of the new ROTC curriculum (see section titled: "ROTC Curriculum Change," p. 3) which requires the freshman student to take a three credit course in an academic department. Because the Freshman ROTC orientation was held each semester during the first week of classes, many students were reluctant or unable to change their class list, and hence could not participate in the ROTC program.
Action to change the timing of Freshman ROTC orientation is in progress (see section titled: "Freshman Orientation," p.2).

2. Immediately prior to the spring semester ROTC orientation, the President of the United States announced his desires to eliminate the draft. We feel the announcement contributed to a lower enrollment as students elected to "take their chances" with their local draft boards.

Two Year ROTC Program

In 1967-1968, twenty one students applied for entrance into the Two Year ROTC program; in 1968-1969, only three applied. The reduction is attributed in part to (1) the President's announcement mentioned above and (2) The Director of the Selective Service's announcement in early 1968, to cut graduate student deferments, thereby greatly inflating the number of applications for academic year 1967-1968.

Freshman Orientation

In both fall and spring semester the Freshman ROTC orientation was presented in two hours. In the spring semester, the entire orientation was changed to a less formal type of presentation. In both semesters the enrollment dropped as indicated above. The Committee, recognizing the need for a different timing for the orientation program if the new ROTC Curriculum was to succeed, considered many alternatives. Finally, the Committee recommended to the Regents, through the All-University ROTC Committee, the abolition of a compulsory orientation during the first week of classes and adoption of a voluntary orientation held prior to the start of classes.
The Regents adopted the recommendation. Members of the Military Science Department are now working with university officials to establish the freshman orientation as part of the summer new student orientation program. During the summer sessions, a member of the Military Science Department will be available to meet the parents of new students, a cadet will be on the student activity panel, and a Military Science faculty member and cadet will give a thirty minute orientation to the students and parents. The new timing of the orientation will provide pre-registration information about the ROTC Program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to the student.

**ROTC Curriculum Change**

In September 1968 the Military Science Department initiated the new ROTC Curriculum developed by the Committee in the academic year 1967-1968. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee was invited to be one of eleven universities in the United States to adopt a developmental curriculum. The course of study requires the ROTC student to take courses in International Relations, Geology, History, and either Public Speaking or Sociology. The cooperation of all departments within the University has been outstanding and has contributed immeasurably to the success of the program. Due to the strong support of the University faculty toward this program, high ranking Commanders of the United States Army have indicated approval of the program.
Facilities

In August 1968, the offices, and classrooms of the Military Science Department were moved to the third floor of Mitchell Hall. The new facilities are more than adequate even though the distance to other ROTC facilities, the indoor rifle range and supply room, is considerable.

Summer Camp

David W. Robinson, the Dean of Student Affairs and Theodore J. Latour, the Director of University Relations were the faculty representatives at the 1968 Advanced Course Summer Camp, Fort Riley, Kansas. During the two day visit, they met with all UWM cadets and viewed the training activities with educators from approximately fifty (50) other schools. Forty five (45) students will attend the 1969 summer camp.

Flight Training

Department of the Army has contracted for thirty-six and one half (36 1/2) hours of flight training and thirty-five (35) hours of ground school for three (3) UWM students with Midwest Airways of Mitchell Field. Upon completion of the program, two students received their private pilot's license and another student will complete training this year.

Pershing Rifles

The Pershing Rifle Company of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee enjoyed a successful season during the spring of school year 1967-1968, finishing fourth in the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington D.C. and finishing first with two drill units at the Illinois Invitational Drill Meet.
They also won the first place award at the University of Wisconsin Invitational Drill Meet. In the academic year 1968-1969, the unit is competing in meets in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Washington D.C. and Wisconsin.

Ranger Rifle Club

The ROTC Ranger Field Club increased its membership during this school year and continued to sponsor the All-University Turkey Shoot and the ROTC Varsity Rifle Team. In the 1968 Turkey Shoot, over 800 university students and faculty competed for prizes. The Turkey Shoot is an outstanding opportunity for the students and faculty to meet and work with the members of the Military Science Department. The ROTC Varsity Rifle Team experienced their most successful rifle season during the school year. The team placed third in ROTC competition at the Kansas State University Invitational Rifle Tournament in December. They were undefeated in the State Rifle League and are expected to win the state's first place trophy together with approximately six individual trophies.

Scabbard and Blade

The Society of Scabbard and Blade at UWM consists of selected individuals from the ROTC Advanced 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 students of the university. The Society sponsors the Military Ball, and plans are now in progress for this social highlight of the 1968-1969 academic year.
The organization granted honorary membership to many dignitaries of the city of Milwaukee and the University this year.

**Guidons**

Company F of the National Society of Guidon continues to make progress in its development. Once again the membership and activities of the organization increased. While maintaining a close working relationship with the Scabbard and Blade and the Military Science Department, Guidon continues to accept additional responsibilities as a campus service organization, serving as usherettes, hostesses and guides for university activities. The members of Guidon visited the Great Lakes Naval Hospital to take gifts to the wounded servicemen in the hospital. Guidon also plans to visit the hospital on another date this year, and is currently engaged in a regular series of visits to the Veterans Administration Hospital, Wood, Wisconsin.

**Association of the United States Army**

The Milwaukee Chapter of AUSA invited the students of the Military Science Department at UWM to join their ranks and partake in the benefits of the organization.

AUSA is a professional organization devoted to the exchange of ideas and information on military matters.
In addition to furthering the student's knowledge and understanding of the Army, membership in the organization provides contact with many prominent civic and business leaders in the greater Milwaukee area. Some fifty (50) students are now members of this worthwhile organization.

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