ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UWM ROTC POLICY COMMITTEE

1970-71

The ROTC Committee maintained all essential contacts with the Department of Military Science and the ROTC Program during the past year. The following items of primary interest to the Committee are reported to the faculty:

1. The Committee studied Document 51 (Nelson and Tarr Reports and minutes of the University Faculty Assembly Meeting) and recommended to the faculty (a) its adoption as a policy guideline for the ROTC Program at UWM, and (b) that the Document be implemented by the University Officer Education Council as specified in Document 51. So the faculty could better evaluate the Document, the Committee prepared a ROTC evaluation report and a fact sheet summarizing the effect of Document 51 on the ROTC Program at UWM. Both were forwarded to the faculty. UWM will continue following Curriculum "C" until final action has been taken on Document 51.

2. The Committee conducted a detailed evaluation of Curriculum "C" which was included in a report on ROTC (see paragraph 1) to the faculty so that the faculty would be informed as completely as possible about the current and future status of the ROTC Program at UWM. Committee members unanimously found Curriculum "C" superior to the modified ROTC program which it had replaced.

3. The Annual General and Annual Federal Inspections of the ROTC Program were conducted by representatives from Headquarters Fifth United States Army on March 24 and 25, who indicated verbally that the Program was outstanding. No major or minor deficiencies were noted. Supply activities, rated unsatisfactory during the previous inspections in February, 1970, were rated outstanding during this inspection.

4. A wide variety of activities were performed by ROTC students both as a service to the University and the Community, and to provide training opportunities for the Cadet. Especially noteworthy are the outstanding performances of the Ranger Rifle Teams and Pershing Rifle Drill Teams. The Rifle Team, open to all University students, finished with nine wins and two losses in the Wisconsin State Rifle League. The team also placed first in the Fifth Army Postal Match, the Kansas Invitational, the NRA Sectional and second in the Nebraska Invitational. In three drill meets thus far, the Exhibition Drill Team has taken three firsts, and the Infantry Drill Regulation Team has placed first, second, and fifth. The number of schools participating in these meets were seven, thirty-one, and thirty-five, respectively.

5. The Committee noted that 59% of the 22 ROTC graduates from UWM, who have already attended Branch Service Schools during FY 71, ranked in the upper 1/3 of their classes. Of the 22 graduates, one ranked 1st in his class, six were on the Commandant's list (top 20%), and three were honor graduates (top 5 graduates). The national average for this FY is not known, however, UWM graduates ranked above both the national and Fifth Army averages for FY 70.
6. At the request of area high schools, an extensive High School ROTC Visitation Program has been initiated by the Professor of Military Science. The purpose of the orientations are to provide Milwaukee area students information on the ROTC Program including scholarships, flight training, program content, and obligations. ROTC cadets are active participants in this program. To date 46 schools have requested visits.

7. ROTC enrollment figures show 177 cadets enrolled for the Fall Semester 1970 as compared to 310 for the Fall Semester 1969. Enrollment for Spring Semester 1971 is 145 as compared to 236 for Spring Semester 1970. The drop in enrollment is consistent with the trend across the country. Estimates indicate that over 44 cadets will be commissioned this year as compared to 39 for 1969-70.

8. Representatives of the Committee participated as members on the Branch Selection Board. The purpose of the Board is to recommend career branch assignments based on each graduating cadet's personal preference, academic major, ROTC training and demonstrated abilities insofar as possible in accordance with the needs of the service.

9. The Department of Military Science moved to new quarters at 3251 North Maryland Avenue. For the Fall Semester 1970, classrooms were in Engelmann Hall and moved to the Science building for the Spring Semester due to scheduled renovation of Engelmann.

Detailed information on activities of the Department of Military Science is available from the Department on request.

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