ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UWM ROTC-OFFICER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1972-73

The 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:

In accordance with Faculty Doc. 51 and at the recommendation of the Committee, the following major actions were taken:

(1) Faculty of the Department of Military Science were admitted to membership in the Division of Professions.

(2) All aspects of Doc. 51 have been implemented with the exception of those requiring joint action of the Madison campus and/or Central Administration. Further action on Faculty Doc. 51 is not possible until such time as the Madison campus takes action to implement Doc. 51.

Representatives of the Committee participated as members on Branch Selection and Scholarship Boards, which recommend career-branch assignments based on each graduating cadet's preference, academic major, ROTC education and demonstrated abilities. Two students were recommended for 2 and 3 year scholarships.

The Committee noted that

(1) in the Annual Federal Inspection of the Officer Education Program (OEP) by Department of the Army, the UWM Program was rated outstanding in all areas. The inspection evaluates the Department's efficiency and quality of operation in student instructional and support activities.

(2) Forty-eight percent of the ROTC graduates who have attended Branch Schools during FY 72 ranked in the upper 1/3 of their classes. Of the 28 graduates, 3 were honor graduates and 6 were on the Commandant's list (top 20%). UWM graduates ranked above both the national and Fifth Army averages for FY 72.
(3) At the request of area high schools, 30 cadets and the entire Department faculty visited 45 schools.

(4) Ninety-six cadets enrolled in the Officer Education (ROTC) Program during academic year 1972-73. Approximately 34 students will be commissioned during this fiscal year.

(5) During the school year two Field Training Exercises (FTX) were scheduled. A fall FTX, 3 days in duration, was conducted in the Kettle Moraine State Forest. All junior and selected senior cadets participated with voluntary participation by freshmen and sophomore cadets. A spring FTX, 4 days in duration, will be conducted at Camp McCoy, WI.

(6) 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 cadets. The OEP rifle team with a 8-2 won-lost record has had a successful season. This is especially noteworthy because the team was required to practice at off-campus facilities. The lack of a range on-campus has resulted in discontinuance of the University's rifle team. The drill teams were successful this year and will climax the season by hosting the Pershing Rifle Drill Meet in Milwaukee on April 21, 1973. Over 12 schools and in excess of 400 students will participate in the competition on that weekend.

(7) A cross-enrollment agreement between the University and the Milwaukee School of Engineering was established. Similar agreements are being discussed with Cardinal Stritch College and University of Wisconsin-Waukesha.

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