ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UWM ROTC-OFFICER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1973-74

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:

All aspects of Document 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; System policy for Officer Education has not been established pending merger legislation.

Representatives of the Committee participated as members on Branch Selection and Scholarship Boards which recommend career-branch assignments based upon each graduating cadet's preference, academic major, ROTC education and demonstrated abilities. One student was recommended for a two-year scholarship and five students were recommended for three-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 given an overall rating of "Satisfactory." The inspection evaluated the Department's efficiency and quality of operation in student instructional and support activities.

(2) Forty-six percent of the ROTC graduates who have attended Branch Schools during FY 73 ranked in the upper forty percent of their classes. Two students were selected to receive Army Fellowships to complete graduate schooling at Army expense. Only eighty ROTC graduates were selected nationally for this award.

(3) At the request of area high schools, 25 cadets and the entire Department faculty visited 45 high schools and all Junior colleges in the surrounding area.

(4) Seventy-one cadets enrolled in the Officer Education Program during the academic year 1973-74. Approximately 22 students will be commissioned during this fiscal year.
(5) Construction of an eight-point rifle range in the basement of Englemann Hall has been approved by the State Building Commission; construction will begin later this Spring. A course proposal to offer a course in rifle marksmanship jointly with the Physical Education Department is being prepared. The range will be available to the entire University community.

(6) The rifle team completed another outstanding year with a 15-1 won-lost record in the Wisconsin State ROTC Rifle League and won the league championship.

(7) During the school year two Field Training Exercises (FTX) were completed. A fall FTX, 2 days in duration was conducted on the grounds of the 84th Division in Milwaukee and a spring FTX, 3 days in duration was conducted at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

(8) A cross-enrollment agreement between the University and Cardinal Stritch College was established. The Department was augmented with an additional officer to provide coverage for the cross-enrolled students at Milwaukee School of Engineering and Cardinal Stritch College.

Respectfully submitted,

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