

ROTC Groups Active On Campus

3 Nebraska Cadet Units Established

Since the University of Nebraska is a land-grant school, all physically fit men attending the University must have at least two years of some kind of ROTC. There are three units here at Nebraska, representing the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The Army and Air Force are open to anyone to fulfill the requirement of two years ROTC. At the end of the cadets sophomore year, he may be selected for advanced training if he has applied and been found acceptable. If he successfully completes his advanced training, the cadet is commissioned an officer; in both the Army and Air Force his commissioned rank would be Second Lieutenant.

The Navy is slightly different in that they select their officer candidates at the beginning. Anyone accepted in the NROTC program is assured his commission as long as he meets the standards which the Navy enforces. He is commissioned either an Ensign in the Navy or a Second Lieutenant in the Marines, depending on which he chooses.

If it is possible to fulfill this obligation as an officer, so much the better. In this case it does not cost any more to go first class than it does to go at a lesser level.

Military Skills Train Cadets For The Army

The Army ROTC program is the oldest of the three units here at the University of Nebraska. Its training is divided into the basic course and the advanced course. Freshmen and sophomore students are enrolled in the basic course and selected junior and senior students are enrolled in the advanced course.

The training in the basic course is aimed at giving the student a clear understanding of the United States Army and the ROTC Program. Students in the basic course also receive training in rifle marksmanship which includes firing on the rifle range with the .22 caliber rifle.

During his sophomore year, a cadet may apply for admission to the advanced course. Whether or not he will be accepted for the training, which will result in his receiving a commission when he successfully completes the course, depends on several things. Academic grades; interest, aptitude, and leadership ability; and score on a qualification test given in the sophomore year are all deciding factors in the cadet's acceptance.

If a cadet is accepted for the advanced course, a large part of his instruction during the junior year will be devoted to a detailed study of small unit tactics. This is in preparation for the summer camp which he will attend during the summer between his junior and senior years. The summer camp lasts for six weeks and during that period, each cadet is given an opportunity to put into practice the principles which he learned in the academic work during his junior year.

The Army ROTC sponsors two honorary military societies, the Pershing Rifles, and the Phalanx. The Pershing Rifles, which has its National Headquarters here at the University of Nebraska, is open to basic students, as well as advanced course students.



THE HONORARY COMMANDANTS, who were presented at the Military Ball, an annual event sponsored by the ROTC units.

Air Force ROTC Unit Open To Physically Fit Freshmen

The Air Force ROTC unit is open to all freshmen who are physically qualified for the ROTC program in general. The freshmen and sophomores are classified as "basics" for the "advanced" training is open only to those juniors and seniors who have been selected. Applications for the advanced training course are made in the sophomore year. To be eligible for acceptance the applicant must pass the extremely rigid Air Force physical examination and attain a satisfactory score on the aptitude test that is given. He must also have a 4.5 overall average.

Although the schedule calls for the two class periods and one drill period per week, all three class meetings are devoted to drilling in the spring and fall. This is made up for the drills that are missed during the winter months. This enables the cadet to become proficient in the important aspects of drilling.

In the classroom the instructors maintain a fast pace, which is necessary to cover the interesting

and valuable material. Geography and history make up the major portion of the freshman studies. In the cadet's sophomore year the attempt is made to interest him in applying for advanced training. If the basic student is accepted for advanced training, he learns about Air Force navigation and communications, military justice, and weather. The senior cadet learns the more technical aspects of the program. The junior and senior cadet officers have the opportunity to display their leadership abilities. They have command over the cadet wing and take charge of drilling the cadets.

Between the junior and senior years, the cadets participate in a four-week training course at an Air Force base. Besides gaining invaluable experience and instruction, the cadets are paid \$78 and traveling expenses. Advanced cadets are also able to avail themselves of local orientation flights, and seniors accumulate 35 hours of flying time, which is a great aid when they go into basic flight training upon commissioning.

The Air Force provides a full schedule of interesting and educational field trips. The various members of the unit participate in approximately ten field trips a year. Last year trips were made to the Boeing plant at Wichita, the North American plant at Los Angeles, the Laredo Air Force Base, and other points of interest to AFROTC cadets.

The AFROTC sponsors many extra-curricular activities for its cadets. The Arnold Air Society is one of these. Last year 22 men belonged to this national honorary for advanced Air Force cadets. Usually the group takes one big flight during the year. In recent years members have taken four day trips to Washington, D.C., and Palm Beach, Florida.

The Sabre Air Command is the freshman and sophomore counterpart of the Arnold Air Society. Its purpose is to develop leadership and motivate its members towards a career in the Air Force. It is a social organization, and, as such, it sponsors AFROTC dances as well as speakers, field trips, and

Navy ROTC Commissions Officers as Ensign or 2nd Lieutenant in Marines

A comparatively young organization, the Navy ROTC program was begun at Nebraska in 1946. The Navy offers two programs through which University students may receive a commission as an either an Ensign in the U.S. Navy or a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

The first method, called the Regular program, offers high school graduates a college education and a Naval career through a scholarship. Applicants for the Regular scholarship must pass rigorous mental and physical examinations and be interviewed by several Naval officers. If the applicant is accepted, he receives a scholarship that amounts to five or six thousand dollars by the end of his four years of college. In addition to paying a \$50 dollar per month retainer fee, the Navy gives the student holding a Regular scholarship his tuition, text books, and

other fees of an instructional nature. In return for this financial assistance, the Regular must comply with certain regulations. He must participate in three summer cruises, for which he is paid monthly, and he must remain in the active service for a minimum of four years. Other obligations are explained upon application.

Contract Program
Students unable to avail themselves of the Regular program may receive a commission through the Contract program. The difference between the two programs is that a Contract student participates in only one summer cruise and receives an allowance during just his junior and senior years. He is commissioned into the Naval Reserve for a period of three years active duty, whereas the Regular receives his commission in the regular Navy. Other than these differences, both receive the same

training and opportunities. Both have their uniforms for drill and cruises supplied by the Navy. Contract students may apply for Regular status at any time.

Besides taking the required college courses, the Naval ROTC student must necessarily attend classes which will further his career upon commissioning. In his freshman year the student takes a course in Naval Orientation and Naval history. This serves to acquaint him with the Navy customs and traditions. During his sophomore year, he studies gunnery. In the final two years, the student receives instruction in engineering and Naval operations respectively. Throughout his college career, he attends a weekly drill period. When the weather permits in the fall and spring, the time is spent marching and learning command of the rifle. In foul weather the student is taught the funda-

All-Campus Formal Is Cadet Ball

Each year the three ROTC units here at the University of Nebraska sponsor the campus-wide Military Ball. Navy mid-shipmen and Army and Air Force cadets take turns doing the necessary "backstage" jobs that are required to make the Military Ball the success it is every fall. The officer staff instructors of each unit give the students a helping hand with the administrative side of the dance.

The actual responsibility for the procurement of the band, the decorations for the Ball, and the various other jobs are passed around each year to a different unit. In this way the Army, Air Force, and Navy get a chance to outdo each other every three years. This friendly spirit of competition insures the high quality of entertainment that the University students expect annually.

The Military Ball is the first and, in recent years, the only all campus formal social event of the year. Students in the three units come in uniform, as is fitting on this occasion. All others attending the Ball do so in formal attire. This makes the Military Ball one of the most colorful events of the entire school year.

Each unit selects its representative in the beauty competition for Honorary Commandant. "Miss Army" "Miss Air Force," and "Miss Navy" are presented at the Military Ball, and the Honorary Commandant is presented at that time. Last year Diane Pedersen, "Miss Navy," was chosen to reign over the proceedings in her honorary capacity.

Last year, the Military Ball, held each year in the Coliseum, was sponsored by the Navy and featured Richard Malby and his band, the world famous NavCad Choir from Pensacola, Florida, and the Arthur Murray dancers.

a drill squad. The drill squad won the first and second place awards in the annual Phalanx competition. The Sabre Air Command is starting a drum and bugle corps this year which will be the first on this campus.

The Air Force also sponsors MARS, the Military Affiliate Radio System. This organization is the amateur radio society at the University, and it is open to all students. Because of their interest, the emphasis is naturally placed on Air Force cadets.

mental principles of seamanship. Navy or Marines?

At the end of the sophomore year, the midshipman must make the choice between remaining in the Navy or receiving his commission in the Marine Corps. If he chooses the latter, the midshipman attends a Marine class instead of the prescribed Navy classes in his last two years. He also goes to the Marine training camp at Quantico, Virginia, for his third cruise. The cruise this past summer took freshman and juniors through the Panama Canal to Valpariso, Chile, and back up to Guantonamo Bay, Cuba. Besides Guantonamo and Valpariso, the ports of call were Balboa and San Christobal, Canal Zone. Sophomores spent the summer at Corpus Christi, Texas, and Little Creek, Virginia, taking part in Naval air and amphibious training.