Cons of ROTC Regents Students Discuss Pros,

article is written from the student's viewpoint as the draftee looks back on his days at the University.

By Tom Kotouc

the barrack window sills and doors. Mess rivaled Nebras-ka Tom turkey, dressing, Basic Training ka Tom turkey, dressing, eve here at boot camp.

After my reminiscencing picked up in a breeze."

Reminds me of the converthe Crib the Thursday before ant, but it's the best way I freshman and sophomore when I'm drafted.

Seems that one of the fel- gation. lows had hummed the Mickey University of Omaha said do it" studies to teaching of his six weeks of summer training ground for future ex-Mouse Club theme song when that Air Force ROTC is not principles applicable to any some screwball from the Dai. Compulsory there. Although weapons system.

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Centered around drill. Boy camp, making it almost impossible for him to come back or out." some screwball from the Dai- compulsory there. Although weapons system. ly Nebraskan asked him what most of the students take it ROTC at Nebraska.

told us that of the 167 Uni-no Navy or Army programs.)
Shouldn't Force versity students he had interfor the first two years.

ROTC sitting next to me had many would never join if not ROTC has no value to the emphasized a more positive and student officers. Midshipvast majority of students be- attitude through non-compulcause of their negative atti- sory ROTC would not only tude towards it. We can't make up for the smaller numsimply sell the program on ber of basics, but attract a but we've got to use a Madi- higher caliber and ability. son Avenue soft sell approach. In other words, sell that basic ROTC was a good me on what value a commis- and easy way to get acquaintsion has over the draft, its ed with the military establishpay, its program.

good opportunity for those in- taste of military procedure. terested in a military career An Air Force basic said or in taking care of their obligation. If I knew I was go- one of the stupidist things in ing to be drafted, I'd go into life. A student entering the Classified ads for the Daily

NO, IT'S THAT THEY FEEL THEY COULD BECOME SERIOUSLY INJURED BY STUMBLING OVER HIM IN THE DARK!

basic and a current Army reservist. "You're crazy." he he continued to say that the very amusing classes."

An F The Texas wind is whipping years. The advanced program good idea" of weapons sys- Army, one student said, "I that The Texas wind is whipping years. The advanced program good lited of the stand in hate being directed by guys ROTC officers fail the flying has the advantage of a commission plus eight months the world. mission plus eight months the world.

program and purpose, I've an officer I'll get better pay, grams. "I'd even like to see not worth it for me to put in his first two years of ment. been mulling over how well better living quarters, and them teach us something six hours a week for four ROTC frequently interest him A

An advanced cadet in Army the Nebraska-Arizona game: can fulfill my military obli- courses were just as tough as An Army advanced cadet unit, said that the ROTC pro-

anyway instead of physical this to one of his cadets: In his opinion was of compulsory education, few go into the ad- the AFROTC we are endeavanced program. (Records show that with only one-third man"—a highly educated, inman shining his shoes for fidence and know-how which But the fellow from the of the male enrollment of Ne. telligent individual who may four hours before the first can be applied to civilian life. braska, Omaha U's program specialize in more than one lab, as his roommate had. "Rag" sluffed it off, making turned out 23 second Lieuten-another mark under the ants in 1957 in comparison field. It's too expensive in terms of small classes and that about 25% of the fellows pulsory nature. The NROTC "against" column. He then with out 29. However, OU has equipment for us to concentrate on a technical program said one Naval midshipman. compulsory program brings

versity students he had inter-viewed at random that week, gued that a student shouldn't understanding of the Air sion had broken up with these 112 were opposed to compul- be forced into any type of sory ROTC at the University activity. "He'll be caught in him to a technical school afthe draft anyway.

Pat, the fellow in Army Another voiced the fear that this to say: Compulsory forced into the ROTC, but the national needs it meets, larger number of officers of

Quite a few fellows thought ment and structure in the Yes, I had added, it's a USA, as well as getting a

IT'S NOT NICE

Courtesy of Omaha World Herald

TO BE 50

AWARE OF IT, BUT WHEN HE'S AROUSED ...

said, "as a college man to course gave the student not want to be a private for two going into advanced ROTC "a

An advanced Army cadet "As far as the training I studying. He said that he the new demands of respon- ROTC gave the armed forces 900 freshmen and sophomores Sons, Omaha, \$741,773; meseet corn and mashed received in basic ROTC, how-spuds, but somehow it just synds, but somehow it just synds, but somehow it just ever," he added, "it was nice should be more academic rapidly than does the product and educate a man " in his as it allows us to identify doesn't seem like Christmas to know drill procedures and and harder so that a student of the Air Academy. philosophies, but it could be wouldn't just take it to get it picked up in a breeze."

But we got into a pretty fore he develops a defense leadership ability or lack of against the philosophy and physical dexterity or unwill-

Col. Sullivan had once told to school. Force program. We can send remarks: ter commissioning.

of adult ROTC instructors is our freedom. ber. They give us every opportunity to perform while educated here. challenging us at the college ity to produce, bringing out our best, he concluded. An Air Force cadet disa-

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A "five-year man" in the booth next to us told us that he was a former Army ROTC They have Walt and the some one piped in, booth next to us told us that he was a former Army ROTC They have Walt have was a former Army ROTC. They have Walt have will be said, since the sworthless to a structors are not long time until he gets on to der to identify and train the best leaders, we must have the routine, some of which he best leaders, we must have should have known before-

Equal Intelligence

Yet once on active duty, graduates. liked the basic cirriculum be-cause he could get it without of ROTC usually adjusts to AFROTC emphasized that to the Air Force in teaching General

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man threw in "I like it. As The ideas which a man gets selves to a group requireby Laboratory Construction students think ROTC actually better people to work with meets the standards set up.

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> the advanced. But there is a pointed out that he had gram is "good experience in A transfer student from the definite trend from "how to earned only 15c an hour in making decisions" and as "a

Shoe Shine

in college at the expense of As the supper crowd started out the qualities desired in not giving the cadet a broad to fill the Crib, our discus- Naval officers and might be

ROTC serves this nations de- ments. Another factor discussed fense. If defending our nawas the quality and aptitude tion is unimportant, then so most of all," interjected one gram needed reorganization

man Hartman had pointed det: If a man is not willing waste of the taxpayers mon-out that he believed his in- to serve his country two ey. And if we want to acstructors of the highest cali- years in basic, he does not quaint a man with how to deserve to live here or to be fight, let's put the rifles back

> And from a Navy midshipday's crucial need for leader- value of drill.

Lost Aboard

Of the cadet officers in that officers had told him sic cadets to drill does not that "a bigger per cent of seem to be a great hardship.

Midshipman Capt. Harvey er of the Nebraska NROTC

Experience Valuable

"The ability to work with A foreign student told me men which I have gained," The ROTC program has gotshould further explore in From an Air Force cadet: meeting their officer require-

"But the thing I object to sophomore Army cadet, "is From a former Army ca- the drill. The uniforms are a in the Army program."

level. They respect our abil- man; We all complain about his basic ROTC said that we some part of ROTC, but I should have mandatory physthink that most of us realize ical education if we really are that it's a peressity with to concerned with the con that it's a necessity with to- concerned with the exercise nesses and suggest what you rush chairman for his frater-

An Air Force cadet added. University knows whether or "This year the program's set not he wants to go into ad- up to give the man a chance vanced. The forced two years to show his leadership if he convince few to enter ad- wants to. He can gain selfvanced and hurts the overall confidence and become more attitude toward the program."

Need Basics But an ex-Navy man added, Then someone brought up a "An ROTC reserve doesn't statement by Col. Elmer

Editors note: This is the second article in a series on Compulsory ROTC. This is the on Compulsory ROTC. This is the sadvanced program. But say the content is not deep greed with several of his fellow cadets when he said, ship. He is worthless for a science of the Army: In order to identify and train the same one piped in, are not long time until he gets on to der to identify and train the dets with which the advanced An ROTC cadet on tour at cadets can work. The one a Texas Air Force base said hour a week that we ask ba-

> Col. Frank E. Sullivan, professor of air science, had pointed this out to one of his formative years of college be- members who demonstrate O'Keefe Elevator Co., \$53,996.

hot stuff until taken down a study the proposal.

cadet, "I got more good out spring of 1963. of Boy Scouts than out of ROTC. The whole thing is on the south side of Dewey

Specialized Courses cussion led naturally into the proximately \$1,800,000 includvalues and weakness of the ing equipment, architect fees ROTC curriculum. An former and utilities connection. Army basic thought that a more specialized course should be developed for those being financed by \$650,000 interested in going into ad- from a \$2.5 million grant vanced. "The amount of his- from the Eugene C. Eppley tory I leanred I could have Foundation of Omaha; \$800,gotten in other courses and 000 from the U.S. Public the chain of command is Health Service Grant and something I learned from \$350,000 from the University's business administration," he College of Medicine building added.

An Air Force sophomore said that the first year pro- J. Abrahamzon and to be speeded up. When Heads IFC Rush the text says, "The major purpose of test missiles is to

through the falilng snow, so IFC rush committee for the I'd better bid you sayonara coming year. A junior who had completed this Christmas eve. If I feel didn't.

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notch or two as they are required to obey commands." begin in October with com-And from a basic Air Force pletion date scheduled in the

From this remark, the dis-

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John Abrahamzon, a juntest missiles," he added, "I'll ior in Teacher's College, has I hear taps vibrating been elected chairman of the

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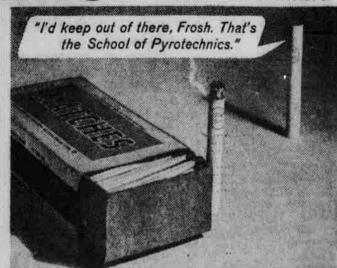
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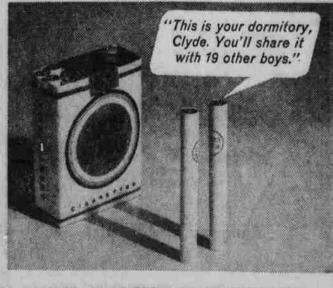


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