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MILITARY DAY
The Cadets’ Holiday
The University of Illinois ROTC

By COL. CHARLES W. WEEKS

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the University of Illinois comprises seven distinct units. They are Infantry, Field Artillery, Cavalry, Engineers, Signal Corps, Air Corps, and Antiaircraft Artillery. Each unit is furnished the appropriate faculty consisting of Army officers of these respective branches. At present, besides the Professor of Military Science and Tactics, there are five Infantry officers, six Field Artillery, six Cavalry, two Engineers, two Signal Corps, one Air officer, and two Coast Artillery officers, on duty to care for the property and the 150 horses loaned to the University by the War Department, and to assist in the training of students. Forty-two enlisted men of the Army are on duty with this unit at all times. Uniforms are supplied by the government without cost to the student.

The state furnishes the finest facilities for the military training of students that can be found anywhere. Besides ample classrooms, the Armory contains storage rooms, target ranges, museum, garage, projection room seating 250, suitable offices for the entire faculty, and a drill floor which is the wonder of all who see it. This drill hall is of sufficient size to accommodate all students who ordinarily register for any particular period of the day. It also affords space for indoor track and baseball training during the winter months.

The University requires that all able-bodied male students, who first enter with less than junior standing and who are under twenty-two years of age, take at least two years of military training. There are exceptions to this rule, students being excused for causes upon petition to the Council of Administration. Students are permitted to choose the branch of service in which they will take training. Usually their first choice can be recognized, but, sometimes, owing to exceptional causes, it becomes necessary to limit enrollment to suit existing conditions. The final enrollment for this year totals something over 3,000 students.

The course is divided into two parts: the first two years constitute basic training. In the training of basic students at the University of Illinois, more stress is laid on appropriate award for satisfactory or meritorious effort than upon the idea that every omission or fault must be noted and resultant demerits assessed. Such procedure, it is thought, has less tendency to react unfavorably and serves as a greater incentive toward better work than the time-old custom of demerits.

Freshmen in all branches besides being drilled in the tactics of their particular branch, are given instruction in military courtesy and discipline, military hygiene and first aid, and obtain some knowledge of the contents of the National Defense Act.

Sophomores, while continuing to become proficient in the tactics of their branch, take up the study in some detail of the characteristics of the different pieces of material with which their branch is equipped, and the principles involved in the use of these weapons.

Upon completion of these first two years, if selected by the military faculty and if the selection be approved by the President of the University, a student may continue his training during an additional two years, receiving additional scholastic credit, government pay, and an additional uniform.

When a student first enters the advanced course, he is given the student grade of second lieutenant. During his service as a second lieutenant he is not attached to any particular organization but receives his training under a special instructor. This first year advanced course training is intended to prepare the student to take command of a company, battery, or troop during his senior year. The seniors, or second year advanced course students, are given the higher grades from first lieutenant to colonel. Upon completion of the two years advanced course, which includes a six weeks summer camp, the student receives a commission in the Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States, and is assigned to some particular organization in the Reserve Corps.

As time passes and the World War veteran who is now the mainstay of the Officers' Reserve Corps begins to retire from active service, the importance of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps as a reservoir for replacements will become more and more evident.

There is no doubt that the type of young man who completes his college course and who gains his commission in the Reserve Corps is the very best type upon whom the country can depend to uphold its ideals. Every possible encouragement should be given the college man to become more proficient as a leader of men. The Reserve Officers' Training Corps aspires to the accomplishment of being positively instrumental in perfecting its students so that they may become better leaders of men, having at the same time respect for law and custom. In other words, it hopes to assist the University of Illinois in perfecting the attributes of its students as officers and gentlemen.
The Military Council

By STUDENT-COLONEL SEVERIN P. LANGHOFF

THE BARRAGE of student liberalism that has been rolling across the campus since the beginning of the Chase regime has been supplemented by the particularly heavy concentrations of the Military Department. Shrapnel after shrapnel has burst open to present something new for the Brigade's advancement. Replacements of fresh roll-collar blouses and slacks were sent in for the exhausted chokers and breeches. The Anti-Aircraft Artillery was put into the field. Cantering Cadets of Cavalry and Field Artillery charged through firmly entrenched opposition to establish headquarters on the Polo field. Without a casualty the National Society of Pershings Rifles was forced to surrender a charter to the native sons. Tau Nu Tau made successful drives to establish bases at Rose Poly and Michigan Mines. And out of the advance has risen a General Staff,—according to regulations,—"Military Council,"—to direct operations on the field of extra-curricular activity.

Back a decade in the history of the University the S. A. T. C. had just been withdrawn and the campus was returning to a peace-time standard of living. It was then that the R. O. T. C. was re-established as a Re-enforced Brigade, in which form it now exists. Previously only Infantry companies had been in line at Retreat. With this type of organization one military fraternity was sufficient. Scabbard and Blade filled this need and had been doing so since 1909. But the new Brigade was larger and interests were much more diversified. The men in the Cavalry were not familiar with the work of the Air Corps and were not especially interested in it, other than to understand the details of liaison. With the existing traditional good fellowship within the units, club forming was inevitable. Honorary and professional military societies thrived and grew in number until complete saturation of the field in 1925. A marked lull followed. Social functions proceeded in their customary chronological order; routine business was carried on as usual.

In the fall of 1930 the new attack was opened. Co-operation is one of the fundamental principles of War, but it is also indispensable to any group striving toward a common goal. Unity is certainly essential to the success of R. O. T. C. extra-curricular activity. This year the cadets have more than recognized the truism. They have sought a remedy for this deplorable lack of unity. Two solutions were advanced and are well on their way to materialize; the Military Council and this Student Military publication. We do not pretend that this is either a complete or a successful answer. It does present a fair foundation on which to build.

When recognized by the University Council of Administration on April 21, 1931, "The Military Council of the University of Illinois R. O. T. C. Re-enforced Brigade" came into legitimate existence. Previously meetings had been held to test and debate the feasibility of the scheme. As the result a concise and flexible constitution was drawn, the essence of which follows:

Purpose—The purpose of this council shall be to foster co-operation among the social and professional organizations of the Brigade. Membership—The membership shall consist of the Cadet Brigade Staff and the presiding officers of the duly recognized organizations whose membership is restricted to R. O. T. C. cadets. Officers—The presiding officer shall be the Cadet Brigade Executive officer. The secretary shall be the Cadet Brigade Adjutant. A faculty adviser shall be appointed by the Commandant.

No dues are to be levied, and no key or badge is provided. Fines and penalties are held to be beneath the dignity of this body; duty and obligation to represent the organization is the chief incentive for attendance. The individual fraternity and not the Council will suffer if the opportunity to co-operate is passed.

Discussions frequently arise on pertinent questions of Brigade policy during which the Council takes the form of a board of strategy. It is on such occasions that the full strength of the Military organization is felt. Should a plan of immediate action be formulated, every Brigade society, involving some five hundred men, would be called into special meeting within a few hours. Such emergencies, while rare, indicate the potential power of the Military Council. However, it must not be concluded that we have here a legislative or executive board. Full sovereignty lies only within the units which make up the council.

The Council did not originate in the idea of handling contingencies but with the hope of strengthening the everyday activity of the Brigade. Many problems have solutions within the proper functioning of this advisory body. One of these is the need for more alluring programs for society meetings. This is to be met by a speakers' bureau or clearing house with the Cadet Adjutant as director. After each meeting of his group, the Counciler will report the name of speaker, and the topic discussed along with a rating (excellent, good, fair, or poor) as determined by the group reaction. This report will be written into the bureau's records to be available to all societies in planning future programs. With this opportunity to raise the caliber of programs we may expect to see increased attendance and greater enthusiasm at these gatherings.

Through this same spirit of co-operative suggestions, we expect to receive suggestions for improvements of the Brigade as a whole. Heretofore, no systematic means of submitting proposals has been available. The details have not yet been decided upon, but this service is clearly within the scope of our "General Staff.

There is no limit to the number of uses to which the Military Council can be put. We want you to give your ideas a chance. Even if you are a private in the awkward squad, sound off, we want to hear you. We, the senior cadet officers, are asking the men succeeding us to carry forward the drive. Fight to keep interest alive. Seek out the dead spaces and increase your angle of fire. Meet the enemy in whatever form they may appear, but be positive that your forces are solid behind you.
Mounted Service Festivals
By Col. Charles W. Weeks

Fox hunts, cat hunts, drag hunts, steeple chases, polo, horse shows; the assemblage of two or more members of the mounted branches of the military service is usually the occasion for either participating in one of the above mentioned festivities or in the discussion thereof. The mounted services of the military department of the University of Illinois are noted for their adherence to tradition in this regard. For a number of years the ROTC Horse show has been one of the outstanding activities of the cavalry and field artillery units. The generous attendance of its friends at the horse show held a year ago indicates that many beside the actual participants are very much interested in this form of training. Polo, while a more recent undertaking of the horseman, bids fair to become an equally popular exhibition of skill.

Horse shows and polo serve a most useful purpose in the training of individuals. Those who prepare for and take part in these exhibitions perfect themselves in horsemanship to a degree unattainable on the drill field and thus enhance their value as military men.

The horse show not only at the University but elsewhere has attracted women as well as men, and throughout the country we find many women who are most competent in the management and riding of horses. The military department desires to express its appreciation to those men and women of the University, both faculty and students, who have contributed their time and energy to making this riding exhibition a possibility.

The Cavalry Officers’ Club
By Student Lieut.-Col. T. B. Forbes

In seeking to further the interests of the cavalry arm, to promote, esprit, initiative, good fellowship, and a high state of efficiency in the cavalry unit, to perpetuate the entry of the highest type of cavalry basic corp students, the cadet officers of the advanced course have established the Cavalry Officers’ club.

Membership in the club is selective, and is restricted to student officers enrolled in the advanced course of the cavalry unit of the University brigade. This year the pledging of the new members proved most interesting and entertaining, “troopers” and actives alike fully enjoying the entire period of pledgeship. Thirty members of the junior class were pledged in the Theta Xi house, October 22, and, after a rather strenuous period of pledgeship culminating in a hectic informal, the troopers were admitted into the ranks of the regulars. In addition to the new student members, two regular army officers, Capt. C. C. Strawn and 1st Lieut. C. H. Bryan, new members of the cavalry staff at the University, were elected to honorary membership in the club.

The badges of the club, which serve as a ready means of recognition, are two in number, one a bar worn over the left breast pocket of the uniform blouse and the other a small gold key worn with civilian dress. The bar pin is covered with silken ribbon designed with the brilliant cavalry colors, yellow and blue. The key consists of a yellow horseshoe on which is superimposed a pair of crossed sabres which are symbolic of the cavalry arm.

Many interesting plans are rapidly getting under way for this year’s schedule. In addition to the colorful formal dance and the annual “Swan Song” banquet given for graduating seniors, arrangements are being made for an old-fashioned sleigh ride party to be held early this winter, and for a number of Sunday morning breakfast rides as soon as the weather permits.
The Caisson Club
By Student Second Lieut. R. O. Dueringer

The Caisson club is a social organization composed of the advanced students in the field artillery unit. Meetings are scheduled for every other Thursday night and are held either in the Armory or some fraternity house. The meetings are always well attended and interest is maintained by having a speaker at each meeting.

The first meeting of the year was held October 2. The senior members showed their interest by telling of their experiences at Camp McCoy, while the junior men displayed their new uniforms. The first meeting was a general get-together, get-acquainted gathering. Officers for the coming year were elected. Major McCleave urged that more men try out for the polo team and Lieutenant Lee asked that practice for the field artillery rifle team be started immediately by members of the club.

Lieutenant Emil Heimrich was a guest and speaker at one of the most interesting meetings of the semester. He was a German officer during the World War and is now a lieutenant in the Officers’ Reserve corp. He participated in two of the major German offensive drives, those on the Western and Italian fronts. He gave a very detailed talk on the action at the latter, telling how a battery of artillery was taken over the Alps which greatly demoralized the Italians. According to Lieutenant Heimrich, the Germans thought that the Americans were the hardest fighters of all the troops. Germany’s attitude as a whole was the same as that of any other country which was engaged in the war. They wanted to win because they thought that they were in the right. Their army was composed of young men who loved their country and were ready to fight to the end.

The Caisson club should be given consideration by every student in the field artillery unit. Attendance is not compulsory and the spirit of the club is not surpassed by any of the honorary organizations. It is one of the best places for the junior officers to become acquainted. Seniors are naturally interested in the club because of the previous year’s work and the experiences they have gone through together. The Caisson club meetings afford a wonderful place to make new friends and to keep old ones.

The Polo Association
By Second Lieut. N. S. Webber, O. R. C.

The ROTC Polo association was organized in the fall of last year for the purpose of furthering student interest in the game of polo, and also to install that sport as a part of the athletic program of the University.

The membership is limited to the students in the advanced corp of the field artillery and cavalry units of the ROTC.

A large amount of interest was shown from the start when approximately one hundred students affiliated themselves with the association and fifteen of these came out for actual practice. No games were scheduled for the fall semester, but the players gave two exhibition matches, one in the Horse show and one in the Ag. show. In the spring two games were played with the St. Louis Orioles and resulted in two victories for Illinois by the scores of 14-4½ and 17-7. Well satisfied with this showing the team settled down to intensive practice for the following year.

This year the team began practice with a nucleus of five of last year’s men and sixteen newcomers. Home games were scheduled with the University of Chicago and with Ohio State University, but because the horses contracted a disease that put them out of condition, these games had to be cancelled. On November 6 the team traveled to Missouri for its first outdoor game. They were defeated by a score of 15-3 by a team with greater experience and better team work. The next games were held with the University of Chicago on December 4 and 5 at the International Stock show in Chicago.

At present the team is financed by the dues received through the association, but it is hoped that they will come under the auspices of the University Athletic association in the next few years.
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
SIXTH ANNUAL HORSE SHOW
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Professor Joseph L. Edmonds, University of Illinois
Major R. R. Snapp, Field Artillery, O. R. C.
Mr. Kenneth H. Smith, Champaign, Illinois

POLO GAME REFEREE
Major H. E. Featherstone, Cavalry D. O. I.

CLERKS
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Cadet Lieut.-Col. C. R. Woodfill

HORSE SHOW CAPTAIN
Cadet Capt. W. I. Bidner

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Cadet Second Lieut. J. W. Hope

Tickets
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Cadet Major M. H. Warlow
Cadet Second Lieut. R. P. Carlson
Cadet Capt. E. J. Sand

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Cadet Second Lieut. D. E. Smith
Cadet Second Lieut. D. P. Hicks

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Cadet Second Lieut. J. H. Holstein

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Cadet Second Lieut. Joseph O. Pokorny

Bugler
Cadet Capt. William Loblaw

Directors
Major H. E. Featherstone, Cavalry D. O. I.
Captain L. A. Daugherty, Field Artillery D. O. I.
The Co-ed Participants

FIRST on the list of women entrants in this year’s Horse show is Genevieve Anderson, a sophomore of two years’ experience.

Kathryn Darcey has been riding for eight years and has participated also at St. Louis, Missouri.

Eleanor Durand of the Chi Omega house has ridden in exhibition shows at the International Stock show in Chicago.

Mary Goodall has ridden in the Denver Horse show and has ten years’ experience.

Elizabeth Harter, Kappa Kappa Gamma, also has ten years’ experience and has ridden in the shows of the Flag Creek Hunt club, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Mary Patton, Delta Zeta, has participated in shows at the South Shore Country club (1929-30), Lake Forest Horse shows (1929-30), and the International Stock show (1928-29-30).

Mildred Smith of Gamma Phi Beta, has ridden in the Northport Point (Michigan) Horse show.

Lillian Stanford, Phi Omega Pi, has had ten years’ experience and rode in last year’s show.

Betty Stoolman, Pi Beta Phi, also having ridden for ten years, participated in the Dublin, New Hampshire, Horse show.

Gertrude Voris of Theta Phi Alpha, has ridden all her life and rode in the show last year.

Bernadette Wilmot, Pi Lambda Sigma, has ridden for twelve years in shows in Kentucky, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Illinois, as well as in last year’s show.

The Military Council

THE Military council of the University of Illinois, the group of men who sponsor this publication, the Millini, consists of the presidents of the military organizations on the campus, the brigade staff, and the editor of this periodical.

The purpose of the organization as defined in its constitution is “to foster co-operation among the social and professional organizations of the brigade.” Thus the group acts a clearing house for the clubs and eliminates friction and establishes contacts which result in harmonious work by the entire group.

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Pertinent questions in regard to brigade policy often arise during which the council becomes a board of strategy. If a plan needing immediate action be decided upon, every society in the brigade, involving some five hundred men, could be called into special meeting within a few hours. This indicates the potential strength of the council.

From this, it must not be concluded that the council is a legislative or executive board. Sovereignty lies within the units which make up the group. By the use of co-operative suggestions, the brigade, both by units and as a whole, may be improved. As to the full scope of influence to be obtained by the Military council, only the future of the brigade will show.

However, since its recognition by the University Council of Administration on April 21, 1931, the Military council has sought to direct the brigade to its goal of leadership and excellence by providing a mechanism to obtain those principles needed not only in war but in any group striving towards a common goal—unity and co-operation.
Rosbe, Steers, Waddell, Russell, Hamilton, Bagley

Rupp, Dueringer, Keck, Getman, Blake, Atkinson