Finding Aid to the Military Science Department Records,
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Military Science Department
Military Science Department records, 1896-1991
Record Group 11.4.8
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OVERVIEW

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

In 1895, Professor Edward S. Keene organized a company of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at North Dakota Agricultural College, as per the requirement for military training declared by the Morrill Act and State legislation. Professor Keene acted as captain and trained cadets using equipment from the North Dakota National Guard.
Lieutenant C. G. French, of the Fifteenth Infantry, U.S. Army, reported to the college in early 1897 to set up a course of instruction for the new company. He stayed at the college until June 1898, at which time three faculty members of the college followed his course of practical and theoretical instruction. Early instruction in the ROTC courses was required for all males, except for seniors and those that were physically incapable. The courses occupied two hours of work per week for freshmen and sophomores and five hours of work per week for juniors and seniors.

Captain James Ulio was the first commissioned officer to run the program and he started his command in 1901. He organized two companies and held weekly parades.

The Army and Air Force ROTC programs are both active on campus. The Military Science Department moved to the College of Science and Mathematics in 1994.

ARRANGEMENT

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records consist of eight series. Departmental Background includes Spectrum articles from the 1890s and fact sheets from the 1970s and 1980s. Meetings contain one folder of Advisory Council meetings from April and December 1990 and April 1991. Correspondence includes the correspondence of both ROTC programs, the Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the HPER/A Teaching Staff. Curriculum consists of a leadership symposium in the 1970s, information on Military Science 101 from 1975, and course curriculum possibilities from the mid-1980s. Reports have only a faculty questionnaire dealing with faculty quality from 1980-1981. Subjects includes budget information from the 1980s, enrollment data (Air Force 1970s-1980s; Army, 1980s-1990s ), exercises and ceremonies (1940s-1990s), social events (1934-1989), tuition impact (1990-1991), and a unit patch (1984). Publications include Bisonair, volume 1, number 1, October 1951 which was an AFROTC newsletter, and The Air Force Flyer, a supplement to the Spectrum, celebrating 35 years of AFROTC at NDSU in 1982. Recruitment consists of recruitment pieces for the Air Force and Army ROTC from the mid-1960s to the early 1980s.
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*Spectrum* articles – 1896, 1897
Air Force ROTC - Fact Sheet - 1979
Fact Sheets - 1986, 1987

11.4.8.2 Meetings

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Correspondence-Air Force ROTC, 1962-1971
Correspondence-Army ROTC, 1962-1971
Correspondence-Air Force ROTC, 1982-1992
Correspondence-Army ROTC, 1982-1992
Correspondence-Air Force and Army ROTC, 1988-1991
Correspondence-Dean, General, 1982-1992
Correspondence-HPER/A Teaching Staff, 1983-1986

11.4.8.5 Curriculum
Military Science 101 - 1975
Course Curriculum – Military Science c.1985

11.4.8.6 Reports and Documents
Faculty quality questionnaire – Department of Aerospace Studies –AFROTC, 1980-1981

11.4.8.7 Subjects
Enrollment Data-Air Force ROTC, 1975-1986
Enrollment Data-Army ROTC, 1985, 1991-1992
ROTC Cadet Corps - Military Tournament & Graduation Parade - program - 1940
Honorary Degree - Brig. Gen. Lawrence F. Tanberg received honorary Doctor of
Science Degree (1941 grad of NDAC) - 1965
Invitation to Military Ball - 1934
Clippings - Nov., 1962 - Air Force/Army - Military Ball
Memo to Faculty - Military Ball – 1976
Programs and Invitations-Air Force ROTC Dining Out - Banquet - 1984-1989
Programs and Invitations-Army ROTC Dining In – Banquet – 1989, n.d.
Invitation-Army and Air Force ROTC Open House, 1989

Unit Patch-Army ROTC, 1984 [patch separated into Artifact /Collection]

11.4.8.8 Publications
*The Blue Torch*, 1923. Yearbook for the summer camp held at Fort Snelling in Hennepin County, Minnesota. Many ROTC members from NDAC where involved.
Air Force - ROTC - *Bisonair* - October, 1951
*The Air Force Flyer* - supplement to April 2, 1982 *Spectrum*

11.4.8.9 Recruitment
Air Force - ROTC : PR piece - c.1964
Recruitment letters - 1970s
Air Force - ROTC - Earn a Commission - 1979
Air Force ROTC - 1980-81 Annual
ROTC - Army - brochures - n.d.s