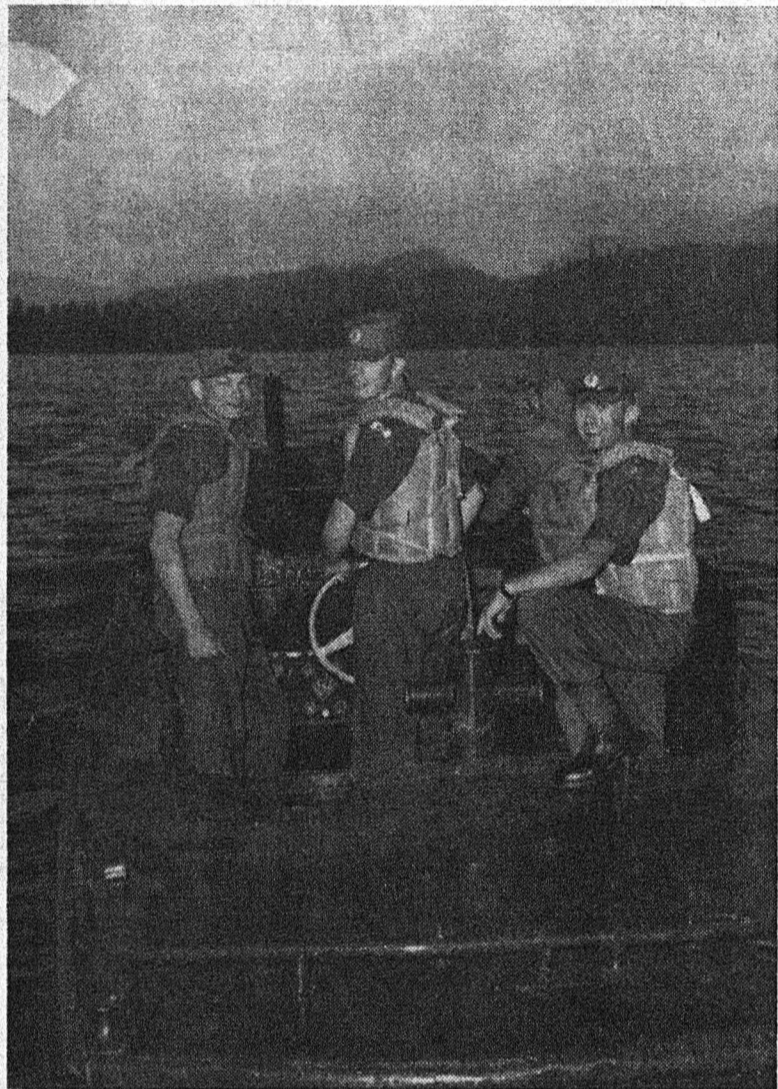


To Provide Qualified Officers For The Three Services - - ROTP



Future officers of the Army, Navy, and Air Force appeared as smartly uniformed cadets in recent Remembrance Day ceremonies at the University of Alberta. These students are receiving a University education and military training through the Regular Officer Training Plan, or ROTP. To provide qualified officers for the three services, the Department of National Defence subsidizes young men for a maximum of four years of University. During this time he receives both academic and military training.

The cadet is allowed to enroll in almost any faculty, although the majority are in Engineering or Applied Sciences. Besides complete tuition, the student receives in pay and allowances \$128 per month during the academic year. An additional \$75 is provided for books and instruments. Full benefits of medical and dental coverage are also provided.

REFLECTIONS

Exhibited on the second floor of the Arts building are some paintings from this summer's Banff School of Fine Arts. They illustrate the Intentional Fallacy in all its awful ugliness.

Apparently the painters decided what style of painting they would 'do'. Or perhaps the course called for attempts in various styles. If this is the case, most of the students wasted their time and money. Out of two dozen or so paintings, four or five are worth looking at twice. In these paintings the student chose or hit on a style that best suited the idea he had to express, i.e. these students were artists. The rest were hobbyists, which is perfectly all right as long as they don't have the gall to inflict their work on any but their friends.

The intentional fallacy: this is the idea that the artist intends to say something in his art. The variation of this shown by the collection in the Arts building: the artist decides the style of his painting before he has the idea for it. This is nonsense; an artist paints in a particular style because it suits his artistic idea. If there is one subject, and four different styles of painting it, then there are four different ideas about it.

There will also be four different 'meanings'; by 'meaning' I mean anything can be said about the painting that isn't concerned with the painting itself but with its relations to other areas of human experience. For example, a portrait may tell us that a man is a duke, or likes polka-dot ties, or has a melancholy temperament. It may also, on a different level, say that a man is a divine creation, or lost in a meaningless world, or subject to an inscrutable fate. Consider the difference between a portrait by Holbein and one by Picasso. The difference is not only stylistic, but philosophical.

But (and this is based in the testimony of several artists, poets, and composers) the possible 'meaning' of the work is irrelevant to its creation. The painter makes a design, not a statement about the thing he paints; the composer makes a structure of sound, not a statement about heroism, the Grand Canyon, or the pain of unrequited love; the poet makes a pattern of images, not a definition of an emotion.

Making statements and definitions is the business of critics, philosophers, scientists, and humanists. The artist merely makes. —by wolfe

COMMISSION ON GRADUATION

The cadet is required to attend a training program one night a week. This training gives a background knowledge which is completed during a minimum twelve weeks of service at a summer centre.

On graduation, the cadet is issued a commission by the Governor-General. He is then promoted to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant in the Navy, Lieutenant in the Army, or Flying Officer in the Air Force.

Of special interest to the services is the student who voluntarily takes military training with the regular ROTP cadets. He receives no subsidy, although he is paid during summer training. He is therefore not required to serve the three years after graduation although he is encouraged to serve with one of the reserve training units. Trained officers are in this way made available in case of emergency.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

ROTP holds one major function annually. This is the colorful formal Tri-service Ball, which each service hosts in turn.

Two mess dinners are held per service each year. These are formal "stag" affairs where all the officers gather to reminisce over "glories of the past."

ROTP is a service to the University in that it provides students with often their only opportunity to get a education. In addition, the student is given a preparation for a lifetime career in the service of his choice.

The Golden Bears have gone east and tonight a telegram leaves to wish the bears "good luck". U of A Radio is sponsoring a chain telegram to be sent to the football team in Montreal. During the day groups have been out on campus soliciting names at 10 cents apiece for the message. If you want to send wishes to the club and haven't been approached stop at the information booth in SUB before supper tonight with a dime.

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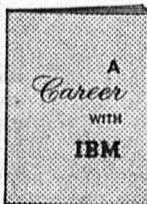
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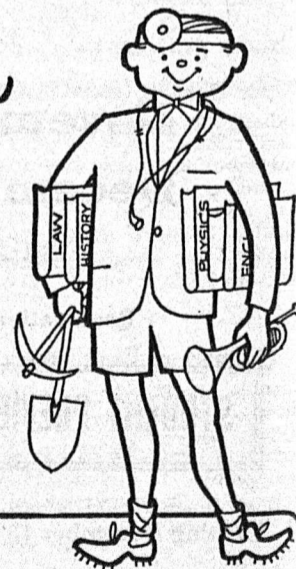
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