

Office of the President  
Michigan State University  
May 1, 1970

UNIVERSITY'S RESPONSE TO DEMANDS REGARDING ROTC

On Monday, April 27, the MSU Committee against ROTC presented the President of the university with three demands regarding the status of the ROTC program on campus.

The university administration has considered these demands and makes this response:

First, the relationship between Michigan State University and ROTC received a thorough investigation last year at the request of President Adams. Based on his request, the Educational Policies Committee and the University Curriculum Committee made six recommendations which would continue ROTC with certain modifications.

The Academic Council then discussed the recommendations and approved their implementation.

Second, the Associated Students of MSU conducted a survey last year to obtain the views of the students regarding ROTC's place on campus, and the results showed that a majority of students wanted it to remain.

Based on these two actions of less than a year ago, it would appear that the present relationship between Michigan State University and ROTC is favored by a majority of the students and the faculty. The President has reviewed the materials and supports the decisions which were then made.

It is recognized that there are minority views within the university community opposing the present relationship. It also is recognized that previously expressed views may change. If the Committee against ROTC has additional evidence that the situation has changed materially or that there are additional facts which should be considered, then there exist appropriate channels to present these views for a hearing and consideration.

One channel is the Military Education Advisory Committee which has stated a willingness to hold two open meetings in mid-May (dates to be announced) at which time any group wishing to present arguments will be heard.

Another channel is to request that the Academic Council reopen consideration of the ROTC situation, through the Council Steering Committee, or the Student Board of ASMSU.

# ABOLISH ROTC

"We feel that we have 'weathered the storm' of last spring's campus demonstrations, and those of us in ROTC administration look forward to training many classes of capable and qualified military officers."

Col. Jean P. Burner  
Chairman, Army Rotc  
Program, MSU

We demand:

1. That ROTC have no access to University facilities on any basis.
2. That there be no contractual relations between MSU and the U.S. military for the training of officers at MSU on a curricular or extra-curricular basis.
3. That students who are currently receiving ROTC scholarships be given equivalent MSU scholarships.

MASS MEETING:

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

8:00 PM

Rm. 34, Union

## COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH ROTC

May 4, 1970

PRESS RELEASE

Whereas, the Student Board of the Associated Students of Michigan State University  
is the governing body of the students of Michigan State University and,

Whereas, the violent acts of destruction which occurred the night of May 1, 1970  
pose a serious threat to the ongoing nature of this university and,

Whereas, serious and costly damage to University facilities does affect each student of this  
university,

We do hereby condemn the actions of those few students.

We do, however, sympathize with the frustrations felt by the students regarding  
the Vietnam War and ROTC.

We do recognize that last year a survey of the students showed that

-- 48.1 per cent did support ROTC with its current academic standing

17.3 per cent did support ROTC but with no credit

16.5 per cent did support ROTC but with courses from military science  
having no credit, but other course work  
in other departments for credit

13.6 per cent wanted ROTC abolished

We also recognize that changes have occurred in the ROTC structure, and realize that  
these changes may or may not have met the expectations of many students on  
the Michigan State University campus.

In order to ascertain current opinion on this matter, ASMSU will conduct an extensive  
survey to determine the true views of the majority of MSU students so that  
appropriate representation of these views may be made to the university  
community.