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R.O.T.C. Department Employs New Means of Moral Support

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DAYTON, Ohio, February 7, 1968 --- A new means of moral support is being employed by the R.O.T.C. Department at the University of Dayton. No longer a "men only" refuge--the department is going co-ed.

Eight women have been chosen for the inaugural phase of the Deb Corps, the women's sponsor corps who will represent and support the R.O.T.C. Cadet Corps in their activities. The girls, all of whom have been chosen as Battalion sponsors--and as queen candidates for the November 12, 1967, Military Ball, will receive formal presentation of rank on Valentine's Day, 1968, at the R.O.T.C. building Rifle Range. Their uniform color will be red.

The girls who will hostess R.O.T.C. coffees, visit military hospitals, and spark up R.O.T.C. public relations in general are:

Miss Barbara Weber, the 1967 Military Ball Queen, a Communication Arts major with a Political Science minor from Milford, Ohio. Barbara spends most of her time as Drill Sergeant of the Marching Coeds who perform with the UD Marching Band at the football games. Her remaining hours are spent maintaining her 3.2 average.

Connie Welsh from Chicago, Illinois, holds a 2.7 average while majoring in both French and Political Science. Connie was the costume chairman for Homecoming and is currently Captain of the UD Girls Pistol Team and Secretary of the Varsity Pistol Team.

A Speech Education major from Willard, Ohio, Cathy Strauss works at the Dayton Children's Psychiatric Hospital gaining experience in her major field. This, along with an avid interest in music, hasn't hindered her 2.5 average.

Daytonian Mary Dittrich is an Elementary Education major, a member of the National Education Honor Society, active in the Dayton Club, and holds a 3.3 average.

Pat Petree from Alexandria, Virginia, is an Education major interested in sports. This past year she was the Pershing Rifles Company B-1 Sponsor and a member of the Recreation Committee of the Union Activities Organization. She holds a 2.5 average.

Vicki Frazer, an Elementary Education major from Dayton with a 3.0 average, has been overall sponsor of the Pershing Rifles for 3 years, Captain of the Marching Coeds for 4 years and a member of the Student Education Association for 3 years. Vicki also teaches part-time, 15 hours a week.

Sharon Kaye, a Chicago girl who recently transferred to U.D. from Mt. Saint Clare College, is majoring in Elementary Education. She has a 2.5 average.

Kathy Conley from Columbus, Ohio, is an Elementary Education major with a minor in Spanish. A member of the Culture Committee of the Union Activities Organization, Kathy maintains a 3.3 average.