A Review of the Military Academy Journal Service First-class Discipline

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ABSTRACT

Under the background of “double first-class” construction, this paper introduces the relationship between the Military Academy journal and the construction of first-class disciplines, analyzes the development status of the service discipline of the Military Academy journal by sorting out its development history and its role, and puts forward three problems, and puts forward some suggestions and measures.

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1. INTRODUCTION

On September 21, 2017, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Finance and the National Development and Reform Commission issued the list of 42 world-class universities and 95 First-class Disciplines. In August 2019, the Four Ministries and Commissions jointly issued on Deepening Reform to Cultivate World-class Sci-Tech journals, which clearly stated that the coordinated development of industry and university was promoted¹⁻².

There is no doubt that discipline construction plays a strategic role in the “double first-class” construction of military academies. And the most important starting point of discipline construction is academic research and talent training. It has become an international consensus that journal paper is one of the key indicators to measure the level of discipline and the innovation ability of scholars. The Military Academy Journal has dual attributes. It not only shoulders the responsibility of disseminating the latest scientific and technological achievements, but also undertakes the responsibility of cultivating excellent academic talents and building innovative academic teams for the school, which plays a decisive role in helping the discipline construction. After the military reform, many colleges and universities have been cut and merged, and The Military Academy Journal is facing a new round of reshuffle. Therefore, we must take The Military Academy Journal as the breakthrough of the construction of first-class disciplines, strengthen the service combat orientation, dig the resources of discipline construction, and compete for the right of academic discourse under the background of “double first-class” construction.

2. RELATIONSHIP

2.1. The history of the military academy journal

In the early period, The Military Academy Journal was strongly revolutionary, represented by Revolutionary Army, Huangpu Force, Huangpu Life and Force and the People, which were first published by the Huangpu Military Academy in February 1925. They mainly published materials and theories about the actual movement written by the students of the Huangpu Military Academy in various periods.

In the early 1990s, the vigorous development of military academies produced a large number of academic achievements. In view of the special nature of the army, these academic achievements were not convenient for public publication. With permission, the military academy journal solved the problem of publication for these achievements, and also provided convenience for academic exchanges within the army¹². Second, each university has its own main subjects, and the main subjects are often the focus of the university's external publicity, and the military academy journal naturally becomes its publicity platform, and then forms its own unique style and characteristics.

In the 21st century, with the continuous transformation and development of military college education, military colleges have been transformed from academic education to employment education. Point of
relying on the army colleges and universities, journals of military college determines the point in the model, the resulting columns such as profound changes and comprehensive university or technical college journal, in the service subject, while the command class journals of colleges and universities of forces related departments work closely together, the pertinence, readability of the manuscript and operability, effectively guide the forces combat readiness on duty training.

Since the readjustment and establishment of the military academies in 2017, the military academy journal has been separated from the management of the Scientific Research and Academic Office (Scientific Research Department) and transferred to a subordinate unit of the Teaching and Research Support Centre, under the guidance of the Scientific Research and Academic Office. The military academy journal also adapts actively to serve the innovation of military theory, the training of new talents and the transformation and construction of troops.

2.2. The role of the military academy journal

The military academy journal serves the military academic community, is the discourse power of science and technology, and also the platform for the exhibition and exchange of disciplines. The prosperous first-class discipline of the military academy journal is mainly manifested as follows: first, gathering military academic research. To respond quickly to disciplinary trends, keenly capture the frontiers of disciplines, focus on key scientific issues, and promote the development of scientific research. Second, gather academic resources. As an important platform for the dissemination of academic research achievements and discipline construction achievements, the military academy journal gathers a large number of academic researchers, including academic consultants, editorial board members, reviewers, authors, special hosts, editors, etc. It is the core author circle, expert database and reader database maintained by the journal, as well as the academic circle to promote the development of disciplines. Third, support personnel training. It can exercise the scientific research expression of academic talents and assist in the research trend research by contributing to the journal. Fourth, promote the dissemination of scientific research achievements, build a platform for academic exchange and promote interdisciplinary dialogue, and enhance the popularity of disciplines and academic discourse power of the school.

3. RESEARCH STATUS

Although there are many researches about journals serving first-class discipline construction in China, many scholars have seen the importance of university journals to discipline construction. For example, Yi Yan Zheng proposed the journal bears the important tasks of academic exchange, scientific and technological innovation, achievement transformation and exploration leading. Zhuo Geng etc. think it is concluded that academic journals in colleges and universities play an active role in consolidating superior disciplines, cultivating emerging disciplines, cultivating talents and propagating scientific research achievements. Some scholars, such as Yan Ni Guo, have also studied the specific measures for the construction of journal service discipline in universities. Shu He puts forward the use of journal characteristic columns to enhance the influence of dominant disciplines. The symbiosis theory is proposed to realize the symbiosis between university journals and characteristic disciplines in talent cultivation and visibility promotion. Fan Chen compare the papers of the first-class disciplines of computer science and technology, and study the research performance and development trend. Therefore, it can be understood that, under the background of “double first-class” construction, many domestic scholars have deeply studied the relationship between academic journals and first-class discipline construction, and put forward the construction strategy of “first-class discipline” of journal service from different angles.

But how about the military academy journal in the construction of “double first-class” and promote each other, the use of “Chinese” database with “military academy journal” as the keyword search, as of April 26, 2021, only 83 articles were involved, nearly 5 years involving only 14 references, and mainly from the characteristics, improve the quality of the editors and to strengthen the construction of the team, and elaborated to the military academy journal to enhance the service ability of thinking. However, few scholars have done relevant research on the method and practice of the academy’s service first-class discipline construction, especially the research under the background of “double first-class”. At present, scholars mainly study this issue from five perspectives: conceptual interpretation, macro strategy, service approach, discipline and institutional practice.

Chun Xia Guo etc. puts forward that the military academy journal is the concentrated embodiment of scientific research activities of a military academy, and the military academy journal reflects and leads the achievements and direction of military discipline and professional construction. The achievements and directions of military discipline and specialty construction can promote and improve the quality and level of the construction of the academy journal. Review from the macro concept, mostly panoramic display, such as Jing Fu, Zong Li, Yu Jun Liu, etc. mainly analyze the current situation of the development of the academy journal, and gives some guiding opinions in combination with the national policy and the development mode of the local journal.
etc.\textsuperscript{[8]} suggested that the military academy journal should establish special columns to highlight the construction of discipline and specialty, give play to the positive role of the journal of the Military Academy in training military innovative talents, lead the academic direction, carry forward the academic morality and correct the academic evaluation in the academic ecosystem. Li Zhe Guan et al. took the practice of running journal of Military Transportation College as an example, Jiang Tao Li took the practice of running journal of Equipment College as an example, and Yu Jun Liu took the practice of running Journal of Naval University of Engineering as an example, and mainly proposed the following service practices\textsuperscript{[11]}. One is to strengthen the construction of the editorial department, two is to standardize the editing process, three is to pay attention to the topic selection planning, four is to strengthen the column construction, five is to improve the comprehensive quality of the editorial team.

4. PROBLEMS

4.1. Inaccurate magazine positioning

Since the reform, military academies have carried out President Xi's thought of strengthening the military, and put forward the goal of building a world-class military academy, which is consistent with the goal of building a world-class military academy. They have strengthened the top-level design from the aspects of school-running orientation, school-running concept and school-running characteristics, and objectively put forward new and higher requirements for the construction of the journal. At present, the aim and idea of running journals of some journals have not met the needs of the situation and tasks, and some ideological stations are not high enough to consider the construction of journals in the overall situation of teaching reform and training of winning talents. Some function positioning is not accurate, simply satisfied with the compilation and distribution of faculty papers, service teachers title evaluation; Some of them lack the courage to build first-class journals and run core journals.

4.2. The propagation effect is not significant

As an academic journal serving national defence and military modernization, the conflict between information exchange and military secrecy is very prominent. Except for medical science, most of the military academy journals have low display and academic influence. According to the data, of the existing 34 military journals published inside and outside China, only 26 have their own websites to provide online contributions\textsuperscript{[11]}. Most of the military academy journals are still issued in the military, and do not have the conditions for local university journals to join well-known databases at home and abroad, losing the efficiency of information dissemination and the convenience of retrieval and reading, and the closed mechanism of running journals has blocked the influence of the journals in the minds of readers and authors and the academic circles. In addition, the military academy journal is dominated by general journals, resulting in the loss of a large number of high-quality manuscript sources, and the overall level of the journal cannot be improved.

4.3. Unstable editing team Positioning

Adjustment after the reform, the editorial department are civilian personnel, active cadres editor must choose within the prescribed period or demobilized change agent, the resulting three is a problem: one is the active cadres by the transfer on the bit, the promotion level of professional and technical titles, such as service life of condition limit, after working a certain fixed number of year in the choice of the discharged from active service. Second, it is difficult to sustain the strength of the publication. Active cadres to change the willingness of the clerical is not strong, retirement has caused a brain drain; There are many recruitment procedures, long time span and long training cycle for social talents. The candidates lack profound experience of military experience and do not understand military professional knowledge, and it is difficult to quickly adapt to the post after employment. Thirdly, the training system of all-military editing talents and the guidance system of professional leaders are not perfect enough. Due to institutional restrictions, the academy journal is not convenient to participate in local exchanges.

5. SUGGESTIONS

5.1. Enhance the political position

First, it is the fundamental guarantee for the journal to maintain the correct direction of running the journal by closely preparing for military struggle. It should be fully realized that first-class colleges and universities need first-class journals as support, and journals should shoulder the mission and responsibility of understanding military laws, inheriting military civilization and innovating military theories. Second, it is necessary to fully realize that the current institutions are speeding up their transformation in accordance with president Xi’s proposal of “taking the road of connotation development with improving quality as the core”. The Journal should focus on the frontier of military development in the world, focus on war preparation, service personnel training, and provide intellectual support for national defence and army construction. Thirdly, we should fully realize that the responsibility of editors lies in making statements, preserving history, advising government, educating people and inheriting their work. We should
be good at discovering academic excellence and shoulder the responsibility of history and The Times.

5.2. Pay attention to the connotation development

One is to reshape the functional positioning. According to the new requirements of the reform of colleges and universities, we should reposition the idea and function of the journal, and do three services: serve the innovation of military theory, especially the research on the winning mechanism of future war, unmanned intelligent combat form, and the application of subversive technology; To serve the cultivation of new talents, strengthen research on what talents to cultivate and how to cultivate talents, and provide guidance for the teaching reform of colleges and universities; To serve the transformation and construction of the armed forces, and to explore countermeasures for new situations and problems such as institutional adjustment and combat readiness training. Second, adhere to the characteristics of the journal. The feature is competitiveness, but also vitality. The papers published by the journal should generally cover the relevant majors of the university, which is determined by the purpose and special functions of the journal. To correctly handle the relationship between the integrative and characteristics, should not only pay attention to cover design, size, and the characteristics of easy to form elements such as text format design, and more to the characteristics of the journal nature, embodied in style, grade, including the distinctive subject connotation, characteristic columns, articles, editing ideas and the pursuit of a unique academic frontiers, the focus of the program designed to highlight the university major, key professional scientific research published advantage, forming the comparative advantage of academic disciplines, shaping people no I have, people have my new, new people I special journal of unique style. Third, accelerate role transformation. From focusing on the processing of contributions to serving as the organization and planner of teaching and research, we should have a planned in-depth understanding of the teaching and research trends of the university, master the situation of the teaching and research team, and keep in touch with relevant authors and teaching and research office. Guide and support the scientific research activities of faculty, provide academic information in time, and create academic atmosphere through academic contention; Regularly organize thematic discussions, launch a series of thematic columns, deepen the influence of the journal in the minds of readers, and lead the academic direction of the university's scientific research.

5.3. Explore the new mode of running

One is to study the rules of academic communication to guide editing. In order to improve the display of the paper, we should focus on the study of readers' retrieval habits, as far as possible to include the retrieval points in the topic of the paper, in order to facilitate the convenience and possibility of readers' reference after reading, and appropriately summarize the conclusions and concepts in the paper expression. Second, the emphasis on the use of new communication tools and techniques, spread positive response to environmental changes and print the core audience adverse trend year by year, strengthen the research of the development of the traditional media and new media integration of maximum enlarge the display of the paper, to join the database, published in advance, independent website, etc., provide valuable information the author besides paper, attract the researchers focus on the journal.3 it is to pay attention to the topic of thesis level, this paper, the theoretical promotion at present, the evaluation index system of academic influence of the mainstream academic periodicals, including papers cited rate, how to improve the cited rate of an article, in addition to the necessary language processing, the paper expatiates the frontier is also a new consideration direction, for engineering research should pay more attention to the mechanism behind the data analysis.

6. CONCLUSION

Discipline construction is the basis for the survival and development of the military academy. The current competition among military academies is actually the competition between disciplinary advantages, disciplinary characteristics and academic level[14].According to the requirements of discipline construction, the effective measures of the journal of the Military Academy in discipline construction are put forward to further exert the role of the journal of the Military Academy in discipline construction, so as to reflect the existence value of the Military Academy Journal.

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