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Western’s Enrollment Record High

The enrollment for the fall semester 1974 at Western Kentucky University is 12,313, according to Dr. Stephen D. House, University registrar.

The enrollment figure does not include 419 students enrolled in the programs and courses offered by Western through the Eagle University Consortium at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Dr. House stated that there has been a limited increase in full-time students, and that most of the increase in the enrollment came about as a result of a continuing growth in the part-time enrollment.

The enrollment figure does not include students enrolled in kindergarten through grade six at the Jones-Jaggers Laboratory School at Western.

By HUSTON MONARCH

A new Veterans Administration (VA) program has established a liaison in the campus veterans affairs office between Western veterans and the VA.

The program, announced in May, places a veterans representative on or traveling to every campus in the nation on a regular schedule.

The representative for Western and Bowling Green Business College is Bill Combs, a Vietnam-era veteran and graduate of Western with an M.A. degree in public service.

Combs said the duties of the position are to help veterans and school administrators understand and work through the Veterans Administration bureaucracy and to explain new programs to veterans.

Western beats Austin Peay in rifle match

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Rifle team drops tri-meet

MURRAY, Ky. — Despite shooting its best score of the season, the Western Kentucky Rifle Team finished third in a tri-meet here Saturday against Tennessee Tech and Murray State University.

Tech, last year’s NCAA runner up, finished first in the meet with 1,309, followed by Murray at 1,399 and Western at 1,379.

The losses leave Western at 2-2 on the season going into the next match against Eastern Kentucky University Oct. 26 at home.

John McNally, a freshman, led the team scoring at 268, followed by John Miller, another freshman, and Christine Carlson, a sophomore, both at 275.

Freshman Keith Cerk turned in a 275, and freshman Steve Britttingham and junior Steve Britton both finished at 264.

VA liaison office formed on campus

“Most veterans’ problems involve questions of benefits and other correspondence from the VA,” he said. His job will also be concerned with assuring that both the school and veterans have no problems with VA procedures.

One problem, he said, concerns timetables the VA has set on various benefits such as deadlines for applications for disability insurance, dental care, educational assistance and unemployment compensation.

Some veterans do not realize they have only 90 days from separation date with the service to apply for reemployment with former employers.

Combs said there has not been much exposure for the new program but response has been good. Service is the objective of his job, he said, and he is there to help any way he can.

Caden Roger L. Coffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrell H. Coffey, Route 1, Center, attended Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps basic camp at Ft. Knox.

Coffey is a student at Western Kentucky University.

He and his wife, Wilma, live at 43181 Simmor Estates, Bowling Green.
Women Cadets take a look at what Army life in the 197th is like

Women cadets were everywhere! even in the barracks was one of the scenes, as cadets from Western Kentucky University visited Co. B, 1st Bn., 197th Inf. Bde., last week. The cadets from Western Kentucky University were at Ft. Benning participating in the ROTC cadet orientation tour. Here they had an opportunity to see what the Army is like and to talk to the junior leaders on some of the problems they have and what to expect when they become commissioned officers in the Army.

"The barracks sure are different than I thought. They’re really nice and not like the bays I thought they would have," stated Miss Nancy Taylor.

"The rooms sure are different," exclaimed Miss Rebecca L. Shaggs. "The Modern Army seems to really be working," comments Mr. Michael T. Inman, "the barracks and all are a lot different than I thought they would be."

"I had a bad impression of the Army with what I saw on TV and in the movies," Miss Taylor commented, "Like the mess halls all you see on TV and in the movies are long tables, but its not like that, there are small tables which are very nice."

The women cadets expressed their feelings on being in ROTC. "I like the classroom lectures, its like having a history class and the instructor is very good," stated Miss Shaggs.

"I want to complete the four year program and go into the MPs," Miss Diana L. Alves said, "There I can branch out into the drug abuse program, if not then into the field after I get out."

Miss Lynne Berry a petite brunett concluded, "I'm also going through the whole four years and then go into the Army."

SGM Herman L. Trent from the USA ROTC Instructor Group, Bowling Green, who accompanied the cadets commented, "There are 11 women cadets, all are freshmen, but they are good soldiers. They participate in the Military Science Studies and drill. In fact they are doing all the same things the men do."

Coed receives Army commission

Cadet Barbara Ballenger, who received a bachelor's degree in business in August has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

After attending the 11½-week Women's Army Corps (WAC) officer orientation course at Ft. McClellan, Ala., she will be assigned to a management-type job. Lt. Ballenger will travel and further her education during her initial two-year obligation to the Army.

While a student at Western, she was a 1973 participant in the Army's College Junior Program at Ft. McClellan, where she previewed life as a commissioned officer.

**A desire to be the best soldier**

BY DOUG PERRY

**FT. CAMPBELL, Ky.** — When Maj. Gen. John W. McEnery was growing up in the late 1930s at the Army Presidio of Monterey, Calif., he loved riding the well-trained horses of the 11th Cavalry stationed there.

Some 30 years later, he commanded an 11th Armored Cavalry squadron and today, near his desk, he displays a statue of a riderless black horse given to him when he left the assignment and Vietnam in 1968.

The statue holds a prominent place in the office from which he oversees the 101st Airborne Division (Air-mobile) and its permanent home, Ft. Campbell.

That McEnery made it from the young man outside those horses to command of this huge Army post in Southern Kentucky is evidence of his fierce desire to be the best soldier possible. In a recent interview in his office at the main white frame building, he never wanted to be anything but a soldier.

"I'm what they call an Army brat," the 6-foot-4 6th-grade general explained. "My father was a (Army) surgeon. My whole family was military. My grandfather was in the cavalry; my uncles and cousins have been in service. I just wanted to go to West Point (to the U.S. Military Academy) and be in the Army."

Like most "Army brats," McEnery traveled a lot during his childhood. Born in San Francisco, he lived in a number of places, including Hawaii, Wyoming and Monterey.

The urge to become a soldier "just sort of grew on me," McEnery, 46, said. "I insisted that his family exerted no pressure on him to join the Army. "My father was very liberal and wanted me to do whatever I wanted to do."

"Whatever" turned out to be an appointment in 1964 to West Point, from which he graduated in 1968. After that came a series of command, administrative, and combat assignments impressive enough to turn most younger officers olive drab with envy.

"I've been in a wide variety of assignments," McEnery said. "Looking back, it almost seems like we moved once a year. Certainly jobwise it's been about one major shift a year, and I haven't had one I didn't enjoy."

McEnery expresses no preference in his next assignment, which he expects will come in a year and a half to two years after his installation at Ft. Campbell. That was on Aug. 5. However, the general

**New commander at Ft. Campbell wants to be best soldier possible**

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did say he would rather command than serve on a staff. "You're with soldiers (as a commander) and can see what you're doing," he noted.

McEnery, who succeeded Maj. Gen. Sidney B. Berry when Berry became superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, went immediately from West Point into the cavalry, becoming a tank company commander at Ft. Knox in 1952.

Next came a series of academic and staff positions, including a three-year stint as a Spanish instructor at West Point and two years in the Office of the Army Chief of Staff.

In 1968, McEnery earned a master of science degree in international affairs from George Washington University. From there, he went to Vietnam where he commanded the 3rd Cavalry Division. Later, McEnery became commander of the 2nd Brigade and then assistant division commander of the 1st Cavalry Division at Ft. Hood, Tex., before going to the Defense Nuclear Division in Washington and finally Ft. Campbell.

McEnery has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star with oak-leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with two oak-leaf clusters, the Bronze Star with oak-leaf cluster, the Air Medal with 26 oak-leaf clusters, and the Purple Heart, among others.

As evidence of his around-the-world duties, the general's office walls are decked with souvenirs from several major junctures in his career.

When McEnery speaks, the words leave his lips with the rhythm, forethought, and measured discipline of troops in review. He pauses for a moment after each question, then quickly, but deliberatively, answers without a wasted word.

An observer might judge an interview with the general to be rehearsed, his responses so well prepared. His terseness, however, should not be interpreted as brusqueness; it is simply a product of his years of experience in sizing up and disposing of whatever situation might arise.

He used this concise approach in discussing several topical matters, including the volunteer Army, President Ford's amnesty program, and his goals at Ft. Campbell.

McEnery views as a "vocal goals minority" those who charge the new Army with being a haven for the poor, uneducated misfits of America.

The Army I see today is 100 per cent better than two or four years ago. Back in those days there was extreme personnel turbulence that was occasioned by the Vietnam War and the general dissatisfaction in our country . . . . "The Army is much more stable today . . . (It's) a very professional Army."

Of the President's recent amnesty offer for deserters and draft evaders, McEnery's is a "completely favorable" reaction. "Of course, I would say that anyway because I'm a soldier whose chief is the President. But I can take it from a personal viewpoint because I believe exactly in what he's doing. We've got to re-integrate these people if they want to come back."

The new commanding general looks on his assignment at Ft. Campbell as "a tremendous challenge and a satisfying job . . . I have myself to blame if we don't do a good job here."

What are his plans for the post?

First, he said, is the improvement of the combat readiness of the 101st Division, which he said has been reduced by a recent levy of troops for Europe. Coupled with this will be the general's attempt to shift the division's emphasis from low-intensity (guerrilla) to mid-intensity warfare of the type displayed in last year's war in the Midwest.

"We're also planning to continuously improve the quality of life for our people," McEnery said.

"Ft. Campbell was sort of left behind in the construction programs during the Vietnam War because the division was not here. So we lag a bit in barracks and family housing But in the last few years there have been some sizable construction programs approved that will remedy this situation."

McEnery lives at Ft. Campbell with his wife of 25 years, Constance, and a son, John, 16, a sophomore at Ft. Campbell High School. The McEnery's older son, Douglas, 24, is "somewhere between his master's degree and Ph.D." in psychology at the University of Kansas.
Secretary of Defense Tours SAC Base Commanded By General Dougherty

Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger told newsmen at a press conference last week that the Strategic Air Command "is the heart of the U.S. strategic nuclear deterrence. To the extent that our forces are ready and are adequate, they will continue to deter any temptation towards aggression and that is the role that this command plays. It plays it quietly, effectively and has played that role for many years."

Early in the hour-long conference Secretary Schlesinger responded to questions about the development of the B-1. He said that the aircraft would "be rolled out in the latter part of this month."

He told newsmen that although the B-1 is still in the development stages, and that the procurement cost, due to inflation, would be more than the B-52, "the cost - when inflated dollars were taken into account was not unreasonably high."

Dr. Schlesinger also responded to national and local questions relating to the state of his department as a result of current inflation, repeated violations by North Vietnam of the Paris agreement, airlift to the Middle East, and of the morale of our military forces.

Secretary Schlesinger punctuated his comments with references to the performance of the Defense Department role in relation to the GNP (Gross National Product) and expressed his support of the military all-volunteer force project.

"If we treat the men in the military properly, we'll have a splendid military establishment, he said, speaking of the morale of the armed forces which he said has improved significantly since the ending of the Vietnam War."

Secretary Schlesinger made the remarks last week while on a two-day familiarization visit. Accompanied by General George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and General David C. Jones, Air Force chief of staff, the Secretary arrived at Offutt Air Force Base aboard a SAC airborne command post aircraft. He was met by Glasgow native, General Russell E. Dougherty, SAC's commander in chief.

Upon arrival, the Secretary and Generals Brown and Jones boarded a SAC B-52H strategic bomber for a low-level simulated bomb run over the Omaha area. The B-52, from Grand Forks AFB, N.D., carried the newly developed electrooptical viewing system, EVS, which has recently been installed on part of the B-52 fleet.

The EVS incorporates infra-red sensors and low-light television to permit crews to operate more effectively in low level flight in a "closed cockpit" environment such as when crews draw curtains in the cockpit to protect them from nuclear flash.

Later the Secretary spoke to senior SAC officers assembled at SAC headquarters. He toured SAC's B-52 fleet. The Secretary later boarded SAC's TACF-1 for an early morning flight into eastern Nebraska. He was met on his arrival at Offutt Air Force Base by Glasgow native, General Russell E. Dougherty, SAC's commander in chief.

Following his mid-day conference, Secretary Schlesinger met with members of the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, responsible for targeting of the Free World's nuclear forces, then flew to Andrews AFB, Md.
The Brass

Dougherty: Air Force stars for a family from Kentucky

By IRENE NOLAN

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. — "This is our 36th move. Would you like to get a picture with all the boxes?" asked Gerry Dougherty with infectious good humor as she led visitors through her new house.

Gerry Dougherty's new house is Quartet 16, the home of the top officer of the Strategic Air Command (SAC). Her husband, Gen. Russell Elliott Dougherty, took over Aug. 1 as commander-in-chief of SAC, the United States Air Force's long-range strike force of combat aircraft and intercontinental ballistic missiles, with headquarters here.

Dougherty commands more than 180,000 personnel, both military personnel and civilians.

About one-fourth of the U.S. Air Force is attached to SAC, which was established in 1946. It has a peacetime mission of maintaining a force capable of preventing nuclear war, and a wartime mission of destroying the enemy's war-making capabilities.

The SAC force, located at some 35 bases worldwide, is, according to the Air Force, "the world's most powerful military force established and operating on a global basis."

The 35-year-old man who shoulders the responsibility for this military force is a native of Glasgow, Ky., where he calls "the biggest little town in the world." Dougherty is a tall, balding man who has spent the day playing golf.

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"I'll say she was good-looking for a family from Kentucky," reflected Dougherty. "And that's one of the reasons I haven't developed many outside interests.

The interests that the Doughertys have are ones that they can share. They don't participate in sports, but they are avid spectators. They enjoy searching for antiques—"or junk" as Gerry Dougherty modestly describes their acquisitions. They work together on refurbishing projects. They enjoy picture framing and have taken up working with stained glass.

As the "first lady" at Offutt, Mrs. Dougherty is busy with the Officers' Wives Club, an organization that is involved with a Thrift Shop, The Red Cross and services to families in need. The officers' wives met Mrs. Dougherty at a tea where the women still shook white-gloved hands in an hour-long receiving line and poured tea out of silver pots. But Gerry Dougherty thinks military protocol is much less rigid than it once was.

"It's much more relaxed now than it was when I was growing up in the service," she said.

But rank still has its privileges, as they say in the military, and the Doughertys are provided with cars and drivers and a staff of household help. "I enjoy keeping house and arranging things," reflected Mrs. Dougherty, "but I don't sew and I don't play bridge. But I might learn someday.""I'd say she just likes people too much to forestall her attention on games and other things," added her husband.

Both of the Doughertys are enthusiastic about military life. As a career, Dougherty thinks "every one of these assignments was fascinating, and I wouldn't trade it for anything."

General Williams, 45, comes to the position from his duties as Commanding General of the Second Reserve Officers Training Corps, Region, headquartered at Ft. Knox. The Second ROTC Region was organized under Brig. Gen. Williams on July 1, 1973, and is responsible for the administration and supervision of the Army ROTC programs in Kentucky and seven surrounding states.

**Brig. Gen. Leslie will succeed Gen. Williams at 2nd ROTC Region**

Brig. Gen. James M. Leslie has been named Commander of the Second ROTC Region at Ft. Knox.


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He holds a master’s degree in international affairs from George Washington University and is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

Brig. Gen. Leslie will arrive here the first week of October. He is married to the former Ethyl Ann Reall and has two teenage children, Richard and Theresa Ann.

Gen. Williams attended college at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va., and was graduated in 1951 as Distinguished Military Graduate with a BA degree in History.

Prior to his command of the Second ROTC Region, the general was the Chief of Armor Branch, Officer Personnel Directorate, U.S. Army Military Personnel Center in Arlington, Va.

His responsibilities included the career management of over 7,000 Armor officers.

Gen. Williams' post-graduate work includes studies at Harvard University, while assigned there as Assistant Professor of Military Science, early in his career. His advanced military schooling includes attendance at the Indian Defense Service College in 1962, and the U.S. Army War College in 1969. Gen. Williams received an MBA degree from George Washington University in 1967.

The generals’ awards and decorations includes a Legion of Merit with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal (4th Award), and the Army Commendation Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Brig. Gen. Williams resides on post with his wife, Elizabeth. They have three children.
Army ROTC Cadet John B. Durbin, son of Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. Joseph L. Durbin Jr., 509 Landsdale Ave., has received a parachutist badge at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga.

Durbin, a Western student, completed a three-week airborne course to qualify for the badge.

Cadet Larry W. Ground, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Ground, 2109 Southland Drive, this summer attended the advanced ROTC course at Ft. Riley, Kan. He is a Western Kentucky University student.

Cadet Charles R. Stevenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Stevenson, Leitchfield, has completed an advanced ROTC course at Ft. Riley, Kan. He is a Western Kentucky University student and his wife, Bonna, lives in Bowling Green.

John T. Walker, son of Mrs. Junita M. Walker, 1151 Kentucky St., and John W. Walker, Downey, Calif., has been assigned to U-Tapao Airfield, Thailand. He is an aircraft maintenance specialist.

Attending the advanced ROTC course at Ft. Riley, Kan., this summer was Cadet Ray K. Sutherland, a Western Kentucky University student. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil K. Sutherland, Rt. 3, Bowling Green.

Western Kentucky University student Michael T. Inman, this summer attended an advanced ROTC course at Ft. Riley, Kan. The cadet and his wife live at 116 1/2 W. 13th St. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion C. Inman, of Murray.

Fundamentals of military leadership were taught this summer during advanced ROTC course at Ft. Riley, Kan., attended by Cadet Clay M. Pickard. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Pickard, Rt. 5, Bowling Green, and he is a Western Kentucky University student.

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Western tops

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Madison of Smiths Grove announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Patti Sue Madison, to Lt. Robert D. Clore, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan D. Clore of Central City.

Miss Madison is a senior at Western Kentucky University and an employee of Casser Knot.

Lt. Clore, a Western graduate, is currently completing the armor officer basic course at Fort Knox.

The wedding will be at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 29, at Smiths Grove Baptist Church. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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Western's rifle team defeated Eastern here Saturday by a score of 1372-1364.

In gaining their third triumph of the season against two defeats, Western compiled the highest varsity point total in the school's history.

Christine Carlson, a sophomore, led the Western attack with a total of 282 points. She was followed by freshman Kevin Cerk and freshman Steve Brittingham at 276, and freshmen Paige Brown and John Miller at 260.

Western's next matches are scheduled for Nov. 9 at Cincinnati and Nov. 16 at Lexington.
Two local students win scholarships

Two local high school seniors are the only Kentuckians to win an early selection Army ROTC college scholarship, according to Second Region here.

They are Robert C. Steiger, a senior at Ft. Knox High School, and Richard J. Low, Jr., a senior at North Hardin High School.

Steiger is the son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Wallace C. Steiger, Jr., 1461-A 5th Ave., Ft Knox. Low is the son of Lt. Col. (Retired) and Mrs. Richard J. Low, 324 Highland Drive, Radcliff, Ky. Lt. Col. Low heads the Junior ROTC Program at Ft. Knox High School.

Steiger and Low are among 28 high school seniors throughout Second ROTC Region’s eight-state area who were chosen by an early selection board at Headquarters, Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Ft. Monroe, Va. These 28 were chosen from 29 names submitted by Second Region to TRADOC.

This year for the first time, an early selection board met in October to award a small number of Army ROTC four-year scholarships to highly qualified high school seniors. During the early application period, which ran from July 1 to September 1, over 500 applications were received by Second Region. Of these, 118 were selected to be interviewed by a pre-selection board. The 90 remaining students who were not selected early are eligible for consideration during the regular selection cycle.

These winners will be announced next April. Army ROTC four-year scholarships are worth between $11,000 and $12,500 and pay for tuition, textbooks and laboratory fees as well as providing a monthly subsistence allowance of $100 for up to 10 months of the academic year.

The scholarship are valid at any of the 280-plus colleges and universities offering the four-year Army ROTC program. Scholarship winners may pursue any course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree, except theology.

Upon graduation from college and successful completion of the ROTC program, scholarship students are commissioned as second lieutenants in the United States Army and serve on active duty for four years.

High school seniors have until December 31 of this year to submit a complete application for an Army ROTC scholarship. However, the cutoff for receiving an application packet is December 1.

High-School Seniors Could Get WKU ROTC Scholarships

Opportunities for high school seniors, both men and women, to win four-year Army ROTC college scholarships at any one of more than 280 colleges and universities across the country have been announced by the Department of the Army.

Major William F. Prow, acting professor of military science at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, has announced that applications may be obtained by writing to Army ROTC Scholarships at Ft. Knox, 40121.

Major Prow is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Prow, Route 1. More than 1,000 Army ROTC scholarships will be awarded this year. In addition to providing full tuition and funds for textbooks and laboratory fees, the Army ROTC scholarships pay a monthly subsistence allowance of $100.

Upon graduation from college, the ROTC scholarship winner is commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and is expected to serve on active duty for four years.

"The scholarship student is not only receiving a free education but he is also enhancing his future by undertaking ROTC leadership instruction. This is something that is in demand by both military and civilian enterprise," Western's professor of military science says.

Selection of scholarship winners is based upon the results of the student's American College Testing Program (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), his or her high school academic record, participation in athletic and other extracurricular activities, physical examination and interviews with a board of Army officers.

Winners of Army ROTC scholarships can use the awards at any school of their choice offering the four-year Army ROTC program, provided they are accepted by that school.

Applicants must be at least 17 years old by October 1 of the year in which the scholarship becomes effective and be able to complete all requirements for a commission and college degree before reaching age 25, says Major Prow.
Army ROTC is making a comeback in Kentucky

By RICHARD WILSON
The Courier-Journal

Only three years after Army ROTC enrollment in Kentucky hit an all-time low, attendance this fall in the campus military programs is double-timing back up again.

Overall, enrollment at the five state schools with Army units jumped from 1,081 students last year to 1,630 this fall, a 50.7 percent increase.

This increase was the largest one recorded in the Army's eight-state Second ROTC Region, according to Col. Donald Kingston, an Army spokesman at Ft. Knox.

The Defense Department contracts with scores of colleges and universities throughout the nation to conduct the program, which leads to commissions.

In ROTC, students learn military history, management and leadership, as well as the practical pursuits of drill, tactics and the care and use of weapons.

Students in the advanced ROTC program—college juniors and seniors—receive $100-a-month stipends. Some students also earn the stipend during their freshman and sophomore years if they have ROTC scholarships, plus all college expenses except room and board.

"This monthly stipend makes ROTC a way of really trimming college expenses and consequently very attractive to students who otherwise might have a hard time meeting college expenses," said one ROTC official.

ROTC officials cite various other reasons for the surprising but welcomed enrollment jump. Among them are less hostility toward the military since the end of the Vietnam conflict, aggressive ROTC recruiting and the apparently increasing attractiveness of the Army as a career in today's tight job market for college graduates.

"We can assure a fellow a job making $10,000 a year the day he graduates, plus numerous fringe benefits and travel," says Lt. Col. John Prichard, head of the Army ROTC unit at Murray State University.

"Not many graduates can go out and get that kind of starting salary," added Prichard.

Prichard says the Army offers ROTC graduates another profitable occupational option. He explained that Reserve officers who fulfill their two-year active-duty obligation can remain in the Army Reserve or National Guard and earn extra money for weekend drills and summer camp activity.

He and other military-science professors also believe that the equal opportunity and pay for co-ed's in ROTC, and later in the Army, have contributed to the increases.

Army figures show 223 co-eds enrolled in ROTC programs this fall, up 52 over last year's 171.

Besides co-eds, an increasing number of black students also are enrolling. At Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) black ROTC enrollment jumped from 53 students last year to 94 this fall. Col. Wol.

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Robert White, head of the EKU unit, said "an all-out effort" was made to recruit more black students into the program.

White said that the Army is trying to develop a better racial balance in its officer corps and that this must be done through ROTC since most officers receive their commissions through the student training program.

Overall, black ROTC enrollment increased from 96 last fall to 180 this year in the five state schools with Army ROTC programs. Besides Murray and EKU, Army programs are offered at Morehead State University, the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University.

Many new ROTC members are enrolling on a trial basis, said one official. Many of these new ones are freshmen—membership from the upper three levels has remained fairly stable.

Another campus official said there might be two other reasons for the enrollment increases. He said the Army is choosing ROTC instructors more carefully and selecting officers who are younger and more able to establish rapport with students. He also said that the Army has relaxed some of its "gung-ho" rules "that otherwise would turn kids off.

Whatever the reason for the enrollment increase this fall, the ROTC officials are glad to have it. The ROTC enrollment statistics this year are markedly different from those only three years ago when Morehead, Eastern and Murray shifted from compulsory to voluntary programs.

Overall in the fall of 1971, ROTC enrollment dropped from the previous year's 3,619 students to 1,466 students. Most of the drop came at the freshman level as student discontent toward the Vietnam War mushroomed.

For instance, in that year, EKU's freshmen enrollment dropped to only 419 students from the previous year's 1,426 students. This year's freshman enrollment at EKU, however, has jumped to 723 students, up 304 students over last fall's 369 freshman cadets. (EKU has a branch unit at Cumberland College at Williamsburg.)

According to Ft. Knox's Kingston, EKU's ROTC enrollment this fall is the largest Army ROTC unit in the continental United States.

Following is a breakdown of 1971 and 1973 Army ROTC enrollment in Kentucky. Statistics were furnished by Ft. Knox's public information office:

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ROTC programs at Eastern, Murray and Western are on a trial basis.
**2nd ROTC Region...**

**The Commander explains its role**

*By Spec. 4 Stan Johnson*

Many people confuse the mission of the Second ROTC Region with that of Army Readiness Region VI. Last week, the role of the Army Readiness Region was discussed in an interview with Maj. Gen. Willard W. Scott, commanding general of the region. To outline the role of the Second ROTC Region, “Inside the Turret” recently interviewed Brig. Gen. James M. Leslie, commander of the region.

The 2nd ROTC Region was formed on July 1, 1973. Before then each CONUS Army administered the ROTC institutions in their areas. When the Army was reorganized, so was ROTC, and four regions were set up. The Second ROTC Region includes eight states: Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri.


**TURRET:** What is the current strength of the Second ROTC Region?

**LESLEI:** We have 9,000 senior cadets plus 850 military and civilian personnel involved in running the region.

**TURRET:** Are ROTC enrollments on the increase?

**LESLEI:** We’re on the upgrade now. This year’s increase has been about 22 per cent more than last year. Nationally, the enrollment has increased 20 per cent. The reason for this is the good hard work people have done and the emphasis the Army has put on the ROTC program. ROTC provides the Army with 60 per cent of its officers. I see it as absolutely necessary to the viability and strength of the Army.

**TURRET:** How large is the Second ROTC Region compared to the other regions?

**LESLEI:** There are a total of four ROTC regions in the Continental United States. The First ROTC Region, with it’s headquarters at Ft. Bragg, has a total of 110 universities with the program. The Second, located here, has a total of 69 senior schools. The Third, located at Ft. Riley, has 67 schools, and the Fourth, located at Ft. Lewis, has 45 schools. In addition to our 69 universities, we have 165 junior ROTC units in high schools. ROTC used to be mandatory in land-grant schools but there is only one school in the second Region that is mandatory now. We think we have a line product to sell. ROTC can contribute to an individual’s educational process to prepare him for his future whether he chooses a military career or not.

**TURRET:** Are you meeting your enrollment expectations?

**LESLEI:** We’d like to increase our enrollments in some schools. The more

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“I did, I did!”

**“DID YOU SEE ME HIT THE TARGET?”**

explains CW2 Thomas Reddick of Troop B as he returned from the firing line. Mr. Reddick was one of 7/1 Cav’s the high scoring gunners during the gunnery qualification held in the field. (See story and pictures on our second front page).

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we could train the better for everyone concerned.

**TURRET:** What is the mission of the Second ROTC Region?

**LESLEI:** The mission is to administer to the 69 units and 165 junior units, and to insure that their programs are high quality in their content, both academically and extracurricularly, to insure the people emerge as quality products. For instance, we sponsor many extracurricular activities including rifle teams, adventure training for Ranger platoons to build self-confidence, orienteering activities, land navigation, Run and Swim For Your Life” young man or woman’s education, the opposition decreases. The end of the Vietnam War also played a significant part in reducing the opposition to ROTC on campus.

**TURRET:** The Air Force ROTC has a program where students are allowed to wear long hair and civilian clothes for their first semester of college. Does the Army have similar programs?

**LESLEI:** We have some programs where the first two years are rather liberal. This is particularly true in the high schools. But even in the colleges where the programs exist you’ll find that most people comply with military standards anyway.

from their senior year in high school to their junior year in college, or they can drop the program. Scholarships are highly competitive. Out of 500 recent applicants, 118 qualified, but only 28 were accepted.

**TURRET:** Do you have any future projects or plans?

**LESLEI:** I’m planning to visit every senior unit in the region as soon as I can. The significant event I’ll be pointing to during the visits will be the ROTC basic camp for next year.

**TURRET:** What is the role of women in ROTC?

**LESLEI:** A good part of our increasing enrollments are women. Right now, there are 1,093 female
Ribbons and roses

The annual Military Ball, held Saturday night at Garrett Conference Center, attracted more than 250 persons and was called "much better than last year's" by Joe Durbin, chief warrant officer of Western's ROTC unit.

Crowned queen at the ball was Sandy Hayworth, left, with Capt. Charles Stevenson of special forces doing the honors. Hayworth, a sophomore from Miami, Fla., is a Pershing Rifle pledge. She was in competition with seven others.

The ballroom was decorated Friday evening. Above, Larry Ground, a senior from Bowling Green, hangs streamers from a column.

Music for the ball was provided by The Graduates, a group from Nashville.
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Ten to be commissioned

The fall commissioning service for the military science department will be held in Room 103, Garrett Conference Center at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20.

Guest speaker for the ceremony will be Lt. Col. Owen D. Lawson from Ft. Campbell. Lawson is a 1959 Western graduate and a former Hilltopper basketball player. The public is invited to attend.


Rifle teams top Morehead

Western’s rifle team stopped Morehead Saturday, 1,358-1,313, in the varsity match and also won the ROTC event, 1,081-1,043.

Steve Brittingham led the Topper shooters with 279, followed by John McNally, 272; Chris Carlisle, 269; Keith Ceck, 269, and Dwayne Robinson, 269.

Brittingham, McNally, and Ceck’s scores also counted in the ROTC scoring. Rounding out the four-member ROTC team was Paige Brown with a 261.

The win boosted Western’s season record to 7-2, the best in history, according to coach Jay Eatherly. Western finished second in the Kentucky Rifle League with a 5-1 record.

Western’s only loss in the league was to Murray, which finished the season unbeaten.

“With the exception of Brittingham, we didn’t fire too well,” said Eatherly. For example, McNally fired a 290 a week ago and that’s the third highest total in Western history. Saturday he fired a 269.”

Western will fire in the National Rifle Association sectional tournament in Lexington on Feb. 22. The next day the Toppers will compete in a sectional meet at Cookeville, Tenn.
What's the big deal about women taking Army ROTC?

For starters, it opens exciting career opportunities. You earn your commission while you earn your degree. You can enter active duty with prestige, pay and travel opportunities of an Army officer. At the same time, you'll be learning valuable leadership and management skills which will help you in any civilian career. So you have more and better options open to you. Yet you are under no obligation when you enroll for the Basic Course. This gives you two years to decide if ROTC is your cup of tea. If you continue in the Advanced Course, you earn $100 a month for up to 10 months a year. It's worth checking into. Visit the Military Science Department in Diddle Arena or talk with Virginia, Sandy or one of the other Cadets. Phone 745-4253.
ROTC enrollment increases

By PRISCILIA BISHOP

Enrollment in Western's Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), which dropped to an all-time low in the 1960s, has increased dramatically since then and is continuing to grow.

The Vietnam War was the main cause for the drop in enrollment in the '60s, according to Capt. Keith Skiles, assistant professor of military science. "Because of the non-compulsory draft there was no reason for students to worry about getting drafted when grades got low," he said.

According to Skiles, there has been a 60 per cent increase in ROTC here and enrollment is up nationwide. "I feel it's the beginning of a trend," said Skiles.

"Although we've had our highs and lows in enrollment, I am confident we will have a stabilized program next year...I think our enrollment will hit 200 and stay around that," he said.

Currently, 160 cadets are enrolled in the program.

"Due basically to recruiting we have the largest freshman class this year," said Lt. Col. Riggs. Riggs said 87 freshmen are enrolled.

Riggs attributed the rising enrollment to changing attitudes of college students, based on changing attitudes about the military.

"The military has improved," he said. "Any activity of the military is open to public inspection. This access to information helps to give the public a better perspective of the military," said Riggs.

"The volunteer army concept also contributes to rising enrollment," he said. "Scholarships are set up to help the ROTC cadet, and starting salaries are highly attractive."

Last year was the first time women have been permitted to participate in ROTC, according to Skiles.

"Women do a good job and now have equal education opportunities in a variety of fields," said Skiles. "All ROTC fields are open to women except combat arms...Women have a future in the army and we recruit actively for them."

Riggs said there is no bias against women in ROTC. "We're anxious for the girls to do well. It adds to the program and takes away the boredom," Riggs said.

State ROTC Enrollment Rises As Antimilitary Feelings Fade

By HERBERT SPARROW

United Press International

Apparently a mixture of the current economic situation, a changed public attitude toward the military, new instructional approaches and just plain hard salesmanship has led to a brighter enrollment picture at college army ROTC programs, both in Kentucky and the nation.

ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) became antitheses to many college students in the late 1960s and early 1970s as resistance to the Vietnam war intensified — with the result that enrollment fell off dramatically in many programs.

The bottom fell out in the 1973-74 school year following the end of the draft.

Enrollment at the 49 schools in the eight-state ROTC Second Region fell a "traumatic 33 per cent," according to Col. Walter Watkins, chief of staff for the region.

However, fall enrollment in the region, which includes Kentucky and five bordering states, was up 21 per cent this year — with the five ROTC programs in Kentucky experiencing a 39 per cent increase. Some schools in the region saw enrollment jump as high as 184 per cent.

Most schools report the enrollments have held steady, or even increased somewhat, at the start of the second semester.

"We've been scratching our heads on that since the first of September," said Col. Wolfred K. White, head of the ROTC program at Eastern Kentucky University — the largest program in the nation — which experienced a 50 per cent increase in new enrollments.

"A lot of things may in some measure have contributed to the increase," White said. "One thing is changing attitudes about the military has helped. I think, and some don't agree with me, is that with freshmen coming in this past fall a very small percentage, lingering after our withdrawal of troops from Southeast Asia, has been put on the back burner."

Maj. Arthur Peters, head of ROTC at the University of Kentucky, where enrollment is up 11.8 per cent, said "the Vietnam era has faded somewhat and I don't think people are as antimilitary as they were in the past."
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wagner announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kathy Ann, to David Nelson Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Alexander, Owensboro. Miss Wagner is a 1973 graduate of Glasgow High School and is employed by the Citizens Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Alexander is a 1971 graduate of Owensboro High School and is presently a senior at Western Kentucky University majoring in Geography. Upon graduating in December, Mr. Alexander will be commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. The wedding will take place Saturday, the 10th of May, 1975 at 7 o'clock in the evening in the Chapel of the Glasgow Baptist Church. Formal invitations will not be issued locally. All friends and relatives are invited to attend both the wedding and reception.
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ROTC camps may replace summer jobs

By NEIL BUDDE

A tight summer job market should make the Army's ROTC summer camp a more appealing alternative for students completing their sophomore year, according to Maj. William F. Prow of Western's military science department.

The camp can serve two purposes for the student who attends, he said. Pay for the six-week camp amounts to $500 plus all expenses related to the camp and prepares the student for enrollment in the ROTC advanced course, though he is under no obligation to do so.

"Tell the sophomore to look at it as a summer job possibility," said Prow. "A tight job situation should enhance the enrollment."

Prow said that he had received 15 applications for the camp and expects as many as 25 before the May 1 deadline. Last year, 10 Western students attended the six-week camp at Ft. Knox.

Camp allows students who did not take ROTC courses during their first two years of college to receive the preparation for the advanced course and earn six hours of credit.

Students are not obligated to complete the camp and may leave at any time, he said. They will still receive pay at the rate of $11.47 per day attended and their transportation costs home.

Training at the summer camp is physically rigorous and stresses leadership, according to Prow. Three sessions of the camp will be held during the summer with more than 1,600 students participating.

Prow said that he feels the program appeals to the athletic type. He said that one Western football player and one baseball player have already signed up for the program.
Some of the best high school drill teams in the nation will be competing tomorrow for the National Championship Title in Diddle Arena. The fourth annual WKU NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DRILL MEET will be conducted throughout the day. The following high schools will be competing in men and women's drill team, Color Guard and individual competition:

Daleville H.S., Daleville, Ala.
Carlisle Military School, Bamberg, S.C.
Owensboro H.S., Owensboro, Ky.
Middletownship H.S., Cape May Court House, N.J.
Bentley H.S., Livonia, Mich.
Bowling Green H.S., Bowling Green Ky.
Linsley Military Institute, Wheeling, W.Va.
Overton H.S., Memphis, Tenn.
Lafayette H.S., Lexington, Ky.
Frankfort Senior H.S., Frankfort, Ind.
Riverdale H.S., Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Thomas Jefferson H.S., Louisville, Ky.
Smyrna H.S., Smyrna, Tenn.
Muncie Southside H.S., Muncie, Ind.
McLean County H.S., Calhoun, Ky.
Fern Creek H.S., Fern Creek, Ky.
Oakland H.S., Murfreesboro, Tenn.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND PUBLIC IS INVITED

The Number 1 IDR Platoon from National Collegiate Competition along with other members of Western's Pershing Rifles unit are the sponsors for this meet.

The National Champion Rebelettes who have held the title since 1973 will be making their performance before the award ceremony at 9:00 p.m.

ARMY ROTC — The more you look at it the better it looks.
WKU has its own Special Forces

By DONNA BUCKLES

Being able to brave the elements of nature is usually one of the characteristics of the mainlineman, but one organization on Western's campus has stolen the show. Members of the Special Forces or the Black Berets as they are sometimes called, are able to brave all types of weather to carry out their training expeditions and tactical maneuvers.

In fact, David Alexander, a senior from Owensboro and commanding officer of the unit, said they are getting quite paranoid about the weather. "It seems like it rains every time we go out in the field," Alexander said, "And it's hard to keep the men believing me when I say it's starting to clear up and then it rains even harder."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Donna Buckles is a student in Western Kentucky University's mass communications department.)

Alexander will tell you that the Special Forces Unit has a job to do, and they will not let a "little" thing like the weather hold them back.

"We're trying to train our unit to be the best in tactics, cliff repelling, water survival, and quick movement at day and night," he said.

Organized under the military science department and modeled after the Green Berets of the United States Army, Western's Special Forces unit has been in operation since October. 1968. Alexander said it has grown since then from a small group of ROTC students who wanted more training in small unit tactics into an organization of 22 active members.

Alexander said the unit is small compared to other organizations, or teams. "The commanding officer is a major and is elected by the group, team leaders are captains and staff members are lieutenants," he said. "All other members become sergeants when they earn their berets and join the unit!"

The unit, split into two detachments, recently created competition, Alexander said. "We can now learn what stress building is all about."

Asked if he expected the Special Forces unit to grow to the size of the Pershing Rifles unit, Alexander said, "We should be able to grow a lot in the next few years because more people are turning to the adventure type training."

The action doesn't stop, however, in the off candidate training periods. Special Forces participate in orienteering meets held at various places which allows them to show off their finesse in land navigating. Explaining orienteering, Alexander said the team is given a map and a number of checkpoints to make within a certain time, with only the aid of a compass. The team making it through the course in the fastest time is the winner.

"The best way the unit could be improved right now is if we could get some new territory to train in," Alexander said. "Most of us in the unit know the land like the back of our hands and that cuts back the challenge." He said cutbacks on expenditures has also hurt them because it has limited how much they can travel as a unit. Alexander added that he would like to see more dedication within the unit. "There's room for improvement in anything," he said.

He listed the big advantage of belonging to the unit as gaining practice in small unit tactics before actually getting into the Army. "If these guys in our unit get a commission when they come out of college," he said, "they're going to have a head start on everyone else." He added that 4 members of the WKU Special Forces are already trained in parachuting, a fact most soldiers can't accomplish until a lot later in their military careers.

"Belonging to the unit also gives you a chance to work with other people and learn all about loyalty," Alexander said. "It can jump on me pretty hard sometimes when I realize I'm responsible for all the unit, but I just keep on telling myself to lead out of respect and not out of fear."

Alexander, who is a geography major, said he really got interested in the military in high school when ROTC was required during his freshman year. "My friends in college urged me three years later to get involved in college, but basically I had already made that decision," he said.

"It bothers me some that people think I want to be in the military to kill people," he said, "And that's exactly what some people think we are — baby killers. They've got to realize that somebody must do the job of defending our rights, and some of us want to be able to sacrifice a lot."

After graduating in December, Alexander will report to Fort Benning, Ga., for officer basic training. "That, who knows?" he said. "I want to make a career in the Army because it offers more security. It's like being a buzzard in a forest — it's easy to fly."

Apparently, combatting natural elements is the skill a Special Forces master. Whether it is riding down a river with buzzards flying overhead or doing some new territory to train in, the Special Forces team is always busy.

MEMBERS OF Western's Special Forces unit rappel the side of a cliff in one of the activities.

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Pershing Rifles

The men of Pershing Rifles of Company B, Third Regiment offer membership to all cadets in the basic and advanced corp of ROTC at WKU. Proud of their heritage of being a part of an organization that began over 75 years ago and was started by the infamous "Gen. Black Jack." Pershing the teams travel in parades primarily in the state of Kentucky and participate in Drill Meets throughout the country when time and money is available. Although Exhibition drill and drill and ceremonies is the primary function of the club, they become very active in university activities and participate in ushering football games and concerts as well as helping at registration periods. Additionally the men as well as their Coed Affiliates, the Rebelettes participate in Local fund raising campaigns for charity. Members of Company B have an active social life which consists of several formal and informal gatherings throughout the school year.

Field Training Exercises and Orientation Trips

Field Training Exercises are planned each semester to allow students to participate in practical exercise of their classroom instruction. Participation is voluntary and is open to all ROTC cadets. Orientation trips to nearby Army installations are planned throughout the year to give students a first-hand experience of what life is like on an Army post. Again, participation is voluntary and open to all cadets. Travel expenses are generally borne by the Army.

Airborne Training

Selected cadets may participate, at Army expense, in Airborne Training during the summer months. Successful completion of the three weeks course at Fort Benning, Georgia will earn for the cadet his Airborne wings.

Scabbard & Blade

This organization is an honor society of Junior and Senior cadets who fully meet standards of high academic achievement, sound character, demonstrated community leadership ability, and scholarship in Military Science. It provides the same and honor guard at Homecoming, the Military Ball and similar occasions.

The Scabbard and Blade sponsors the Annual Military Ball and a formal dining in for the Cadet Corps.

Rifle team

The ROTC Rifle Team is open to all ROTC students who can qualify. Members are also eligible to compete for a position on the WKU Varsity Rifle Team, as well as a Varsity Athletic Scholarship. Western's ROTC and Varsity Rifle Teams were among the best in the nation this year. Winners of over thirty trophies and over twenty medals in competition, the Western shooters won eight out of ten collegiate matches for a second place, varsity finish in the Kentucky Rifle League and a first place ROTC position.

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The Rebelettes

Organized in 1964 the Rebelettes have consistently won many honors for excellence in coed drill. In 1967 the ladies captured first place at the John J. Pershing National Drill Meet in Washington D.C. Placing 2nd by only 1.5 points in 1971 at Atlanta, Georgia, the ladies recaptured their title at the biannual meet held at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

This spring the Rebelettes traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska, and recaptured their national championship title.

Flight Program

The Army ROTC Flight Instruction Program provides an opportunity for select Advanced Course cadets to learn to fly. Students who enter this program will receive basic introduction into flying light, single engine, fixed wing aircraft. The Flight Instruction Program is conducted by an FAA approved civilian flying school which is under contract with the Army. Each student receives ground instruction and 360 hours of in-flight training. Satisfactory completion of the training normally results in conferment of an FAA private pilot's certificate. The Army pays for all flight instruction, textbooks, flight clothing, navigational equipment, and transportation to and from the civilian flight school that has the flight contract.

Ranger Training

Selected Advanced Course cadets may attend Ranger Camp in lieu of the Advanced ROTC camp between their Junior and Senior years. Cadets may earn the Ranger tab which they are entitled to take on active duty.

Special Forces

The Special Forces Unit at Western Kentucky University was established in October, 1967. Since then, this unit has proven to be one of the best tactical units in the United States (selected as the outstanding ROTC Tactical Unit in the United States for 1969-70 by the National Association of ROTC Tactical Units). This program, which is open to all students enrolled in ROTC at Western, was organized for two primary reasons: (1) To allow members to receive training in small unit tactics and operations under irregular conditions and (2) To enhance the development of leadership in each member. To achieve these objectives, a varied but comprehensive program has been instituted. The Special Forces sponsors a Special Forces Auxiliary to allow cadet coed participation in their organization.

Such activities as rappelling, orienteering, physical training, amphibious operations and leadership training are conducted by the unit. Special Forces for ROTC students interested in ACTION.
Cadets have been learning just how valuable doing it yourself can be since they had their first taste of the Leadership Reaction Course last week.

The Leadership Reaction Course is the practical application of the leadership training cadets have been receiving.

At the course cadets are placed under stress conditions. They are confronted with 20 different situations and given a problem to solve at each one.

In some cases the solution is simply a mechanical one, such as how to move personnel and/or supplies from one spot to another, usually encountering mine fields, ravines or other obstacles on the way.

In other instances, cadets are detailed to retrieve ammunition, medicine, supplies, or personnel.

In still other situations, the decision may be one in which the leader must decide between the safety of his men and the importance of the mission.

In each exercise the determining factor is the leadership ability of the cadets. When each situation has been passed, the instructor for that station critiques the performance of the cadet, with special emphasis on the leader.

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LEARNING TO COMMUNICATE. Cadets James Humble, (left), of Western Kentucky University and J. Howard Preskitt, (center), Jacksonville State University, both of the 2nd Plt., Co. C, 3d Bn., get signal inspection from PVT Dennis W. Light, (right), Co. B, 1st Bn., 28th Inf. (Photo By Hazel Swarts DAC)

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Recipients of the Association of the United States Army Medal for ROTC Advanced Camp Achievement and Leadership were Cadets Arturo A. Ayala, 1st Plt, D Co, 1st Bn, St. Mary's University; Homer T. Cox III, 1st Plt, B Co, 2nd Bn, University of Southern Mississippi; and Marcus G. Dudley, 4th Plt, B Co, 3rd Bn, Texas A & M. The award is presented to the cadet who demonstrates the highest overall camp performance with his battalion.

The American Legion Association Award (Kansas Chapter) was presented to Cadets Paul W. Toler, 2nd Plt, B Co, 1st Bn, Texas A & M, and Allen R. Collins, 2nd Plt, B Co, 3rd Bn, Youngstown State.

Twelve cadets received the Camp Commander's Leadership Award. This award is presented to the cadet in each company who has the highest Leadership Potential Index score. First cycle recipients were Cadets John J. Brian, 4th Plt, A Co, 1st Bn, Central Michigan University; Carter F. Ham, 1st Plt, B Co, 1st Bn, John Carroll University; Steven R. Welch, 1st Plt, C Co, 1st Bn, Trinity University; Richard D. Bowerman, 2nd Plt, D Co, 1st Bn, Trinity University; David L. Moss, 4th Plt, A Co, 2nd Bn, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga; Benjamin F. Wakefield, 2nd Plt, B Co, 2nd Bn, Missouri Western State College; Kieth A. Oatman, 2nd Plt, C Co, 2nd Bn, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; and Charles A. Ellison, 1st Plt, D Co, 2nd Bn, Texas A & M.

Second cycle recipients were Cadets James H. Centric, 4th Plt, A Co, 3rd Bn, Youngstown State; James C. Ragin, 4th Plt, B Co, 3rd Bn, University of Tennessee-Knoxville; Alfred D. Lott, 1st Plt, C Co, 3rd Bn, Tuskegee Institute; and Roland H. Montero, 3rd Plt, D Co, 3rd Bn, Eastern New Mexico University. Each cadet received a ribbon.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Branan Jr. of Portsmouth, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Linda Louise Branan, to Gary Anderson Riggs Jr., son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Gary Anderson Riggs of Bowling Green, formerly of Portsmouth.

Miss Branan is a graduate of Churchland High School in Portsmouth. She attended Radford College in Radford, Va. Riggs, a graduate of Buena High School in Sierra Vista, Ariz., will receive his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army when he is graduated from Western Kentucky University in May.

The wedding will be at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, Va.