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See LTC "Mickey" Riggs, the Professor of Military Science, today. LTC Riggs and other advisors are located in a suite of offices on the ground floor of E. A. Diddle Arena. Phone 745-4293/4234.

ROTCA enrollment up 20 per cent

ROTC enrollment has increased almost 20 per cent since last year, making this year's enrollment the largest ever, according to Lt. Col. Gary A. Riggs, a military science professor.

Three hundred freshmen have enrolled so far, and enrollment will not be complete until the end of the bi-term, Riggs said.

Riggs said the ROTC freshman class had 292 members at the close of last year.

There also has been a 20 per cent increase in enrollment of women and blacks this year, according to Riggs.

Maj. James A. Love, military science professor, said he thinks a significant cause for the increase is a different student philosophy.

"I think there is a general feeling that everyone should make up their own mind about what they are going to do instead of following the crowd," Love said. "For this reason, more students come around and check out what we have to offer."

He said ROTC relates to students by offering practical classes.

"We give them classes like mountaineering and marksman-ship where they actually rappel and practice with targets," he said.
Welcome to Western Kentucky's "Big Red" Army ROTC Cadet Corps. I am pleased you have joined the ranks of an elite group of young men and women, future leaders and outstanding citizens of this great nation of ours. I challenge you to do your best during this school year. Your college education is our primary mission in the Military Science Department. Concurrent with the attainment of your degree is our mission to develop the leadership potential that each of you possess so that you may do the best job you possibly can upon graduation and receipt of your commission in the United States Army. The life style of Western Kentucky University's tradition is expressed in our motto, "The Spirit Makes the Master," and I enjoin each of you to harness the spirit that exists on this great campus of our's in order that you may become the "Master" of your own individual destiny.

Excellence in the arena of life is not easily won. The desire to be first and what it takes to be in the number "1" spot requires maximum effort on the part of every member of any organization.

Western Kentucky's ROTC Corps today enjoys the distinction of being a "Number 1" program because those of its membership have paid the price to place it there. In order for us to remain in that position, it requires continued super effort on all our parts. I am confident our Cadet Corps this year has what it takes individually and collectively to keep us "Number 1."

Airborne School

"American parachutists--devils in baggy pants--are less than 100 meters from my outpost line. I can't sleep at night. They pop up from nowhere, and we never know when or how they will strike next. Seems like the black-hearted devils are everywhere."

No, this is not a new movie release, but an excerpt from the diary of a German officer. This excerpt will give you, the reader, an idea of the pride instilled in those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the Airborne School this summer and earned our silver wings. Including myself, Mike Pritch, there were eight of us who were so honored--Ted Nicholas, Calvin Minton, Matt Ransdell, Joe Indalecio, Terry Jensen, Ron Assmann, and Leon Chappell.

So, you would like to know what it is like to ride in that C-130 or C-141 aircraft with your heart in your throat until you go hurling out the rear door of the aircraft and feel the tug of those static lines snapping taunt above you. Also, you want to know how it feels to be suspended from that great round silk canopy floating calmly and quietly down to a green pasture some 1500 feet away. And, you would like to know how you feel after landing on the ground and start winding that parachute around your arms while watching your brother paratroopers descending from the serene sky you just left above you. Well, friend, about all I have to say about the entire experience is AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY, AND THEN SOME.
First Issue of THE STAR (Fall 77)

Editor: Donna Richey Pendley
Sports notes... Riflery to open season

Western's riflery team will begin its season this weekend when it travels to Murray for a dual meet.

According to second year coach Sgt. John Baker, the team has improved this year. Chris Carlson is the only member lost from last year's team.

Top returnees are Mary Koekert, John Miller, Keith Cerk, Dwayne Robinson and team captain Steve Brittingham.

Newcomers are Eric Sack of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Carol Rupe of Louisville.

Brittingham, Miller pace Tops in win

Two Ohio Valley Conference riflery heavyweights met Saturday when Western traveled to Murray.

Western, led by Steve Brittingham and John Miller, handed Murray its first loss against Western in more than a year and a half. The score was 2236-2212.

Second year coach Sgt. John Baker was pleased by his team's top-notch performance. "I knew we had some good returning shooters, but now I know I also have a top-notch freshman."

That freshman is Eric Sack, who shot 559, only two short of Brittingham and Miller who each had 561. Other Topper shooters were Keith Cerk and Mary Koekert who had 555 each. The highest possible score is 600. "Those were good scores. When you shoot 550 and above, you are really doing well," Baker said.

Western Whips VandY

Western's riflery team breezed to a 2,224-1,866 win over Vanderbilt here Saturday. Steve Brittingham's 569 of a possible 600 led the way.

Second-year coach Sgt. John Baker said Brittingham is one of the best shooters in the Ohio Valley Conference. "Brittingham is a great leader, a great competitor and is always very consistent," Baker said.

Also turning in strong performances were Mary Koekert, 557; John Miller, 545; and Greg Stickler, 491.
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Come by the Military Science Department, Diddle Arena, and pick up your add card today.
Toppers to face Vandy

Second year riflery coach Sgt. John Baker will take his team to Vanderbilt Saturday for a rematch of last weekend's contest which Western won easily.

The Toppers will be looking for their third straight win this season without a loss.

Baker said that the team will be at full strength with the addition of freshman Eric Sack, who missed the last match.

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Toppers to face powers East Tennessee, Tech

After winning its first three matches, Western's riflery team will meet traditional Ohio Valley Conference powers East Tennessee and Tennessee Tech this weekend.

Both Tennessee schools have had All-America marksmen in the past few years.

Sgt. John Baker said he doesn't know how strong East Tennessee will be this year since several top team members have been graduated.

Tops hit highest score but still lose

By MARK SCHAFTLEIN

Western's riflery team this weekend shot its best score of the year, but didn't win its match.

Against East Tennessee Saturday, Steve Brittingham shot a 566, Mary Koeckert followed with a 565, Keith Cerk had a 561 and John Miller fired a 553. The overall team score of 2,244 was 34 points behind East Tennessee, which is ranked third in the country, according to Sgt. John Baker.

"The match was close all the way. We were both sweating it out to the end. It takes some of the pain away knowing that we shot so well even though we did lose," Baker said.

In the Big Bird match at Tennessee Tech, the Toppers finished fifth of eight squads. Tennessee Tech, ranked No. 1 in the nation, won.

Brittingham again led the Tops with a 572, the best by a Topper this year. Koeckert had a 560, Cerk shot 550 and Miller had a 549. The team score was 2,234.

"If we get by this weekend we'll be in great shape for the remainder of the season," the coach said.

The ETSU match begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at the rifle range in the parking structure. The Tech match is Sunday at Cookeville.

"Tennessee Tech had three sophomore All-Americans. We gave it our best shot and did as well as we could," Baker said.

At Tech, Brittingham placed third in an air-rifle match, shooting 370 out of 400. The winning score was 386.

Western now stands at 3-1 in dual matches. Its next match is with Morehead Oct. 29.
Cadet Carol Rupe receives a certificate for dinner at Claudia Sanders and congratulations from professor of military science LTC Gary A. Riggs. Miss Rupe, a 1977 graduate from Valley Station High School, has been named Western Kentucky University’s top ROTC cadet for September. She is a marine biology major and a member of the ROTC rifle team. “I wanted to take a marksmanship class,” she said, and “since ROTC offered the class, I decided to take military science and have really enjoyed it.”

Students can sign up for a military science bi-term course this week at the Department of Military Science in Diddle Arena.
Free swinging

After getting a hand from Ted Nicholas, Leon Chappell dangles 50 feet in the air while rappelling off the parking structure. The two are in ROTC special forces.

Photo by David Frank
RAPPELLING down the side of the parking structure at Western Kentucky University in a ROTC exercise Wednesday was Robert Owens, a sophomore from Radcliff, while others watched with feet planted on a floor of the building.
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(F)old Glory

Folding the American flag on top of Diddle are Pershing Rifles members Tony Leslie and Dwain Johnson. The raising and lowering of the flag on Diddle are daily routines for the Pershing Rifles.

Cadet Mike Bizer receives a certificate for dinner at Claudia Sanders and congratulations from professor of military science LTC Gary A. Riggs. Cadet Bizer, a computer science major from Ft. Knox, has been named WKU Top Cadet for October. Mike is a member of Phi Eta Sigma and the nationally recognized Pershing Rifle drill team. In his spare time, Mike enjoys playing tennis and riding his motorcycle in the Kentucky countryside.

Sophomores, you can prepare for an officer's commission by attending the ROTC basic camp this summer. For information, contact Major Jim Love, 112 Diddle Arena, phone 745-4293/4294.
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MERCER, Patricia J. (2d award)
ANGSTEN, Tom
SHUMATE, Daniel
HUGHART, Kevin
LAWLESS, Chuck
FULLER, Steve
FERRY, Larry
BATES, David (2d award)
MAYS, Mark
SLAUGHTER, Patsy
MASH, Walter
PAUL, Tim
BATES, Dolly
OSBORN, Will A. (2d award)
NICHOLLS, Mikal

MS II

CHAPPELL, Carl L. Jr. (4th award)
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ROBERSON, Bruce W. (3d award)
MILLER, Edward S.
SHAW, Kent
RICKETTS, Morris G. (3d award)

MS III

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Tops lose to Eastern
HERALD 15 Nov 77

The riflery team shot its best score of the year in Richmond Saturday, but still lost to Eastern, 2,269-2,254. Topper Keith Cerk shot his best seasonal score, a 572 out of 600 to lead the Toppers. Steve Brittingham had a 568, followed by John Miller, 562, and Mary Roceckert, 556.

"I don't feel bad," Sgt. John Baker said of his squad's performance. "Last year, Eastern won by 50 points."
The loss gives Western a 3-2 record in dual matches.

Junior gets Army award
HERALD 15 Nov 77

Bobby Bowers', a business administration and accounting major, has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service, outstanding professionalism, initiative and devotion to duty by the military science department.
The Russellville junior was one of 50 upperclassmen in the country to receive a two-year scholarship from the Army.

We were wrong
HERALD 17 Nov 77

Because of editing errors, a story in Tuesday's Herald about an award given to Bobby Bowers appeared incorrectly.
The story should have said Bowers was awarded the Army Commendation Medal by the Army in a ceremony by the military science department.
The Russellville junior was not in school when he received the award as the story implied.

Rifle team to fire
HERALD 17 Nov 77

The riflery team travels to Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan., this weekend for the Kansas State Turkey Shoot. Sgt. John Baker, the riflery coach, has been looking forward to the trip after seeing his team shoot its best score of the year Saturday against Eastern.
"Some of the top teams from around the country are going to be there. We'll be seeing a few new teams. The competition should be outstanding," the coach said.
How a sophomore can graduate an Army officer.

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Riflers finish 2nd, 3rd

By MARK SCHAFTEIN

The football team wasn't the only Western team that got shot down by Murray last weekend.

The riflery team went to Manhattan, Kan., and finished third and second among 20 teams in the National Rifle Association and international competitions last weekend.

The winner in both divisions of the Kansas State Turkey Shoot: Murray.

Final results are not official yet.

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in the international competition.

In the NRA competition, Eric Sack and Mary Koeckert were the top Western shooters at 552 of a possible 600. Steve Brittingham had 560 and John Miller fired 539.

Western's team score of 2,193 was 26 behind Murray.

In the international competition, Western moved up a notch, but still finished behind Murray. Brittingham had the high score with a 568 while Koeckert shot 562 and Miller had 547.
Cadet Bill Eskridge receives a certificate for a steak dinner and congratulations from Professor of Military Science LTC Gary A. Riggs. Cadet Eskridge, a sophomore from Grayson County, Kentucky, has been selected as the Top ROTC Cadet for November. He is a history major, a member of the Special Forces organization, a key member of the orienteering team, and a three-year ROTC scholarship winner. When asked why he is taking ROTC, Cadet Eskridge responded, "ROTC provides the challenge of leadership and outdoor adventure while helping to finance my education."

If you are interested in how to add leadership to your education, contact Major Jim Love, 118 Diddle Arena, phone 745-4293.

Now interviewing sophomores for management opportunities

The United States Army is interviewing sophomores for future positions as Army officers.

Applicants are required to participate in a six-week summer program at Fort Knox, Ky., to qualify for college ROTC courses next year. Pay for the six weeks is nearly $500, plus travel, room and board.

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116 Diddle Arena 745-4293, 4294
In the spring of 1974, a 40-year-old man came to Western to take over the military science department. Since his arrival, enrollment in that department has risen more than 400 per cent, and many people say "the Colonel" and his philosophy toward students are why.

That man is Lt. Col. Gary Riggs. Next year, after four years of leading the military science department, Lt. Col. Gary A. Riggs will be transferred to one of the Senior Service Corps.

Capt. William Bewley, assistant professor of military science and operations director, said Riggs has drawn students into ROTC by living up to his mottos "ROTC is the cadet" and "The cadet is our most important asset.

"He has a keen ability to talk to young people and be understood," Bewley said. "Our biggest advertiser is a satisfied student."

Herbert Howell, Pershing Rifles commander, said, "He's quite a man. You can talk to him at any time about almost anything."

Riggs said he tries to give the students who come to his department a useful education because "You guys (students) are going to be running the country pretty soon."

Riggs said students deserve to be told the good and bad aspects of ROTC. "You can't snow... (the students) anymore," he said.

Bewley said Riggs' recruitment policy was best summed up by Riggs himself when, at an introductory banquet, he said, "If a person doesn't blow his own horn, someone might use it for a funnel."

Riggs said he tries to present the ROTC program to students in a factual way. Apparently, his method is convincing. Enrollment in military science courses has increased from about 90 students in 1964 to almost 450 today.

Howell said this increase has "put Western back on the map as far as ROTC is concerned."

Another of Riggs' achievements, according to Bewley, is the harmony he has fostered between the military science department and the rest of the faculty.

Capt. Bill Kennedy, assistant professor of military science, said Riggs gives instructors freedom in the classroom as long as they meet the Army's requirements.

Riggs has been associated with Western since 1955 when he came here as a student on a football scholarship. He played halfback for the Hilltoppers for three years and was graduated in 1958.

"He believes the university comes first," Bewley said. Bewley said Riggs has been able to enhance the image of ROTC in the "hierarchy of the university" because of his drive and personal assets.

Bewley said that, unlike other ROTC installations, the instructors in Western's program believe they are a part of the university.

Riggs said that "super excellent" instructors make it easy for his department to fill the academic standards stressed by the university.
Cadet David Veech receives a certificate for a steak dinner and congratulations from Professor of Military Science, LTC Gary A. Riggs. Cadet Veech, a freshman from Bardstown, Kentucky, has been selected as the Top ROTC Cadet for December. Cadet Veech is a member of the special forces organization and enjoys riding motorcycles and outdoor adventure. He took ROTC for the challenge and self discipline.

If you think you might enjoy a challenge and outdoor adventure, enroll in a mountaineering course for the spring semester. Contact Major Jim Love, 118 Diddle Arena, Phone 745-4293.

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Military society selects queen

Lovis Lawrence, a junior accounting major from Auburn, was chosen queen of the Scabbard and Blade Military Ball.

Scabbard and Blade, military society for men, had its 44th annual ball Dec. 3.

Jill Baggett, a Madisonville junior, was first runner-up.
Barbara Camp, a junior from Lawton, Okla., was second runner-up.
sophomores

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THE ARMY ROTC TWO-YEAR PROGRAM. FOR THE GOOD LIFE.
The athletic attic brings you the Intramural Sports page.

Martin, Quek win pingpong

By BETH TAYLOR

Open practice for the men's Gymnastics Club will be from 6-7:30 p.m. tomorrow and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Smith Stadium gymnastics room. For more information, contact Gus Vamvas, 842-3837.

Dutch Boys Paul Martin and Ken Quek won the table tennis doubles championship over Jeff Riley and Walter Nash of the Table Tennis Club.

There will be a women's Softball Club organizational meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in Diddle Arena, room 144. For more information contact Linda Winstead, 745-2456.

In recreational water polo Tuesday night, the Rae Club beat the Sea Clams, 9-5; the Magic Walruses edged Marco Polo, 14-12; and the Paddle Foots won over Delta Tau Delta, 18-4.

A free beginning swimming course for faculty and staff and their spouses will begin March 7. Classes will meet from 5-6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday until April 20. The class has a 12-person limit. For more information contact Betsy Child, 745-5216.

In the winner's bracket semifinal of the women's basketball independent division, South Hall beat the Goobers, 36-20. In the final they will meet the winner of last night's game between East Hall and Gomer Gang.

In the losers' bracket, Rodes-Hartin defeated West Hall, 32-22, and the Ladies of Magic beat Potter Hall, 20-10.

In the sorority division, Alpha Xi Delta won by forfeit over Kappa Delta and Chi Omega won, 24-8, over Sigma Kappa.

Bono's All Stars will play the Dutch Boys at 8:30 Tuesday night in the winners' bracket final of the men's basketball independent division.

During the week, the Dutch Boys defeated the Princes, 57-42, and the Eagles, 45-35. Bono's All Stars beat Dolly Pardon, 58-37, and Malibu Beach, 47-38.

In the winners' bracket of the fraternity division, Phi Beta Sigma beat Omega Psi Phi, 40-33, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 44-30.

Sigma Nu defeated Phi Delta Theta, 45-27; Lambda Chi Alpha won over SAE, 49-44; and Kappa Alpha Psi won, 52-47, over Alpha Gamma Rho.

In Tuesday's fraternity league action, Omega Psi Phi defeated Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 44-30, and Alpha Gamma Rho defeated Alpha Phi Alpha, 31-30.

During Tuesday night's independent league games, Contenders beat the Cherry Pickers, 49-42; the Wild Hares won, 38-32, over the Short People; and ROTC came out on top against the Nobodies, 41-33.

Pearce-Ford Mini Towers defeated the Wolverines, 44-34, in the dorm league, and Player's Association scored a narrow victory over the Armadillos, 42-39.
Mike Bizer has been named WKU Top Cadet for the month of January. Mike is a sophomore computer science major from Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is a member of the Pershing Rifles Drill Team and is currently working hard preparing for upcoming drill meets. As the top cadet for January, Mike won a steak dinner at The Iron Skillet.

Sophomores, you can prepare for an officer’s commission by attending the ROTC Basic Camp this summer. For information, contact Major Jim Love, 118 Diddle Arena, Phone 745-4293/4294.

Cadet Ronald Puckett, a sophomore from Vinton, Virginia, has been named WKU Top Cadet for February. Ron is a member of the WKU Special Forces organization and the orienteering team. In his spare time, Ron enjoys fishing and outdoor life. Cadet Puckett receives a certificate for dinner at the Iron Skillet for being Top Cadet.

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Come by the Military Science Department, Diddle Arena, and pick up your add card today.
Commander's Corner

by Mike Fritch

As the Cadet Battalion Commander, I would like to welcome all returning cadets and any new cadets to the Spring 1978 semester. This semester holds great promise of becoming one of the best ever in the ROTC Cadet Corps here, and it is my goal to make it just that. I sincerely hope that in accomplishing this goal, every cadet achieves what they expect to achieve and more from the ROTC program for this semester. I strongly urge each and every cadet to participate fully in all the activities planned in the Military Science Department, and to especially make an all-out effort to attend all assigned labs. If at any time during the semester I can be of assistance to any cadet, please feel free to call on me.

Run for Your Life

By C/2LT Jackie D. Rem

There's a new club at Western that is sponsored by the ROTC department. The club is called the Run for Your Life Club and it is basically a jogging club. The club members are mainly ROTC cadets, but the club is open to the University, both students and faculty. The club is informal, in that the members jog on the honor system, yet receive recognition through the Run for Your Life Program in the form of patches and certificates.

Run for Your Life is an Army-sponsored activity centered at Ft. Benning, Georgia. The club was started as a training program through aerobics. The aerobics program stresses running and exercising for training and strengthening the lungs and heart. The only requirement for the program is that the mile be run in a time of 8:30 or less (9:30 for men over 40 and women). The most that a person is to run in a day is three miles, and the goal is for a person to run 7-10 miles a week.

CPT Bewley is the faculty sponsor for the Run for Your Life Club here at Western. For all those interested in the club, there will be several meetings in February which will be posted on the bulletin boards outside the ROTC department. If you are unable to attend a meeting, contact CPT Bewley or C/Jackie Rem for information. We would love to have you join!
Some of the best high school drill teams in the nation will be competing tomorrow and Saturday in Diddle Arena for the National Championship Title. The seventh annual WKU NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DRILL MEET is coordinated by Drill Meet Officer Dewayne Johnson. The following high schools will be competing in men's and women's drill team, color guard and individual competition during the two-day event:

Lancaster H.S., Lancaster S.C.
Lugoff H.S., Lugoff S.C.
Romeoville H.S., Romeoville, Ill.
Owensboro H.S., Owensboro, Ky.
Frankfort H.S., Frankfort, Ind.
Daleville H.S., Daleville, Ala.
Muncie Southside H.S., Muncie, Ind.
Lafayette H.S., Lexington, Ky.
Strom Thurmond H.S., Johnston, S.C.
Red Bank H.S., Chattanooga, Tenn.
Warren County H.S., McMinnville, Tenn.
Benedictine H.S., Savannah, Ga.
Academy of Richmond County, Augusta, Ga.
Crystal River H.S., Crystal, Fl.
St. Francisville H.S., St. Francisville, La.
Bethel Park H.S., Bethel Park, Pa.
Athens H.S., Athens Al.
Haines Cith H.S., Haines City, Fla.
Guilford H.S., Rockford, Ill.
Archbishop Shaw H.S., Marrero, La.
Ottawa Hills H.S., Grand Rapids, Mich.
Wooddale H.S., Memphis, Tenn.
Brewer H.S., Somerville, Ala.
Mobile County H.S., Grand Bay, Ala.
Christian Brothers H.S., St. Louis, Mo.
Fern Creek H.S., Fern Creek, Ky.
Riverdale H.S., Murfreesboro, Tenn.
McLean County H.S., McLean County, Ky.
Overton H.S., Memphis, Tenn.
Camden H.S., Camden, S.C.
Northside H.S., Warner Robins, Ga.

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ROTC teams win awards

Two Western ROTC drill teams won awards at the Gateway Invitational Drill Meet in St. Louis, Mo., Saturday.

The Rebellettes, a female drill unit, won first place in coed competition and the Pershing Rifles, a male drill team, won fourth place overall.

Duane Johnson, a Louisville freshman, won a fifth-place medal in individual drill exhibition and Paul Simmons, a Shepherdsville freshman, won a fifth-place medal in individual infantry drill competition.

Eighteen university teams from seven states participated in the meet at Washington University.

The teams will compete at Eastern April 1 and Bowling Green, Ohio, April 8.
Cadets spend fatiguing weekend

By ROGER MALONE

Shells from distant cannons were bursting as the troops filed out of the bus. They knew what lay ahead. They would soon be facing artillery, rappelling a 34-foot wall, eating C-rations and searching through the countryside.

They thought they were ready. This was Fort Campbell last weekend, where cadets from Western's ROTC program and some junior ROTC members from Bowling Green High School began a two-day training session.

The ordeal began Saturday morning at Smith Stadium when 62 men and five women stood in formation before their commanding officers. Divided into two platoons of three squads each, the troops passed inspection before boarding the bus.

Most of the cadets were wearing drab olive fatigue with pistol belts. Canteens and ponchos issued earlier hung from the belts.

Most of the cadets slept as the bus drove toward the camp. A few who remained awake talked about the adventure ahead, and the rest stared silently at the passing scenery.

At the base, they transferred to two Army buses and were taken to an artillery placement, being passed along the way by helicopters flying at treetop level.

When the bus reached the artillery battery's position, steel helmets were issued to most of the cadets and earplugs were handed out.

Capt. James Janele, battery commander, greeted the group when they stopped at his encampment and showed First Platoon, first squad the three howitzers set up at that point.

The cannons were each protected by a radar-scattering camouflage net and had their own supply of ammunition.

Inside the covering of one of the cannons was a "gamma goat," a six-wheeled vehicle used to transport the heavy guns. Beside another gun were eight M-16 carbines stacked teepee fashion within easy reach of the gun crew.

A "wet" mission was about to take place. The crew at gun one would be given directions over the field telephone and would fire into the north impact area.

The gun crew had taken its position around the howitzer when the commands were shouted, followed by a series of numbers to adjust the barrel's direction and elevation.

The sound of the cannon was muffled by the earplugs and the air smelled like gunpowder.

After a study of charts and graphs, maps, computer terminals and radios, they sat beside the road and ate their C-ration lunches.

C-rations are foods sealed in cans. Saturday's rations contained various entrees, including turkey, beans and frankfurters, and ham and eggs, along with crackers, cheese spread and dessert cakes.

After returning to the buses, the students were driven to a forward observation post where a lieutenant, his face camouflage-painted in shades of green and brown, told the cadets how to radio in a target's position.

After the lecture, the cadets hurried to a nearby set of bleachers to see what was billed as a 90-gun TOT (time on target) display.

In a TOT attack, shells from different cannons are timed so they hit a target simultaneously.

An officer who watched the demonstration estimated the shells used cost the Army about $2,000.

The next stage of the training was a 34-foot rappelling tower.

Sgt. William Allen, the rappel master, gave a brief talk on rappelling, with an emphasis on concentration.

Later, inexperienced cadets climbed the steps in groups of four to try to make it down the wall.

"Look at me, not the wall! Straighten up those legs," Allen shouted, trying to keep the students' attention on him.

Soon cadets waiting their turn...
down the wall began talking about how experienced Allen seemed, how he shouted to distract nervous rappellers from their fear.

Allen had won their respect.

Saturday's training was over after the rappelling exercise, and the cadets returned to their barracks.

The night posts were set and most of the cadets were either in bed or shining their boots when the "lights out" command came. Then an anonymous voice said sarcastically, but with a hint of seriousness, "Sleep well, America. We're defending you."

The next day came early at 5:15 a.m. Someone shouted, "Get out of bed..." and the men reached for their uniforms and began to prepare for another day of training.

It was the day to plot points on a map and run through the course, searching for markers.

As the men and women went through the wooded area—some walking, some running, in groups of one and two—they searched for the red and white stripes painted on tree trunks and red and white buckets hung from trees.

Most of the students had either found all their points or had given up after three hours.

As the people returned to the starting area three conversational topics—blisters, disorientation and fatigue—proved to hold the most interest.

The trip back to Bowling Green was similar to the trip to Fort Campbell. Some cadets tried to sleep, some talked about the training and summer camp and some stared out the windows at the passing scenery.

Riflers' last match at Middle

This weekend's rifle match at Middle Tennessee will be the last for Western's Stephen Brittingham, John Miller and Maskie Yakota.

Seven teams will be at Middle for the All-American Collegiate Rifle League and three teams will be in the same competition at the University of Kentucky.

"They try to group the teams to where they're closest," Sgt. John Baker, the coach, explained.

The Hilltoppers were second to Murray last year, but this year's favorites are Tennessee Tech and East Tennessee, according to Baker.

Other Toppers competing will be Mary Koeckert, Gregory Stickler, Eric Sack and Carol Rupe.
The United States Army is interviewing sophomores for future positions as Army officers.

Applicants are required to participate in a six-week summer program at Fort Knox, Ky., to qualify for college ROTC courses next year. Pay for the six weeks is nearly $500, plus travel, room and board.

Students who complete the summer training and enter ROTC as juniors will accept active duty and reserve obligations upon graduation.

For an interview appointment, contact:

Maj. Jim Love or Cpt. Greg Lowe
Rm. 118 Diddle Arena
Phone 745-4293, 4294
Out of line

After a mix-up in orders, Dennis Kolb finds himself a step behind other ROTC members who were running on Russellville Road Monday. The students are preparing for jump school at Ft. Benning, Ga., and air assault school at Ft. Campbell.
The fear of falling.
That is one reason why I had never tried to rappel a 34-foot wall before.

There were other reasons, too—sarcophobi, vertigo and an acute fear of heights are very high on my list of paranoia.

While I was visiting Fort Campbell to cover an ROTC exercise recently I watched the cadets get ready for the trip down the rappelling tower. Capt. Williams Beley, an assistant professor of military science, asked me if I wanted to try it. On impulse I said yes.

One day I'll learn not to say yes on impulse.

I watched the demonstrators to their Swiss seats. The seats are supposed to support you on the way down and slow you.

Nothing to it. You just loop the rope around your waist, tie it, carefully pull it between your legs, tie several more knots and you have a Swiss seat, I hoped.

Everybody assured me that rappelling was perfectly safe.

Then we started. The experienced cadets went down the wall first, showing the proper way to descend.

Sgt. William Allen, the rappel
master, shouted instructions from the edge of the tower, forcing the cadets to concentrate on the climb, not the ground 34 feet below.

One experienced rappeller said, "It's not bad, but when you first come out of there it scares the holy hell out of you."

Thanks, I needed that.

Then it was my turn. The sergeant threaded the rope through the metal clip attached to my Swiss seat. He told me everything looked fine.

Then he told me to walk to the edge of the tower, look down and shout, "On rappel!" He said this was to make sure someone was at the end of the rope, in case something happened.

But they told me nothing would go wrong.

When I looked over the edge I hoped to see no one less than Superman watching from below to protect me. Instead, there was my RA, a member of the special forces, holding the end of the rope and smiling up at me. Was he upset over the all-night party on our floor or the mess in the kitchen?

I only wish I had thought to shout "journalism" as my heart pounded and my knees shook all the way down the 34-foot tower.
Lt. Col. Robert A. Halbman explains the significance of honors awarded to the military science department.

Halbman respects 'the cadet'

On the lower floor of Diddle Arena is the military science department. Signs everywhere read, "ROTC is the cadet." That is the same outlook that Lt. Col. Robert A. Halbman takes.

Halbman was recently assigned as military science professor and department head. He replaced Lt. Col. Gary Riggs. Halbman was transferred from Fort Knox where he had worked since 1974.

"I really feel privileged to be selected as the PMS (professor of military science) at Western," he said. "It was a privilege because historically, Western has commissioned good students.

The position is usually a three-year job, and Halbman would at least like to increase the military science enrollment.

"Here we've been able to produce both numbers and quality. I definitely want to maintain the national prominence that we've had over the past."

He said that the recent rise in enrollment should be attributed to cooperation from the faculty and the university.

Another reason is the students. "Our best recruiter is the student," Halbman said.

"Military science is really a program designed to train college men and women in leadership," he said. "People want the leadership that is taught by the military science department."

This leadership applies not only to the military but also to anything else, Halbman said. "We think the student is the program."
BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Lt. Col. Gary A. (Mickey) Riggs, was honored by the Western Kentucky University and local Kiwanis Club for his contribution to the school’s ROTC program.

Riggs, who completed a tour as commander of the ROTC detachment, was guest of a special luncheon and received one of Western’s traditional red towels and “Top Banana” tee shirts.

Riggs was honored for implementing “innovative programs and curriculum changes while improving the quality of training during which time the enrollment grew better than 400 percent,” officials said.

(Staff Photo by David Gibbons)

Descending

LEON CHAPPELL, above, a member of ROTC at Western Kentucky University and senior history major, Elizabethtown, practices repelling exercises Sunday afternoon on the Western parking structure, below. The structure is 80 feet high.
How would "Army officer" look on your job application?

Employers can afford to be choosy these days. There are a lot more college grads around than jobs available for them. Many companies are finding young people with the qualities they want among Army ROTC graduates. Army ROTC students learn to lead, to manage people and handle equipment. Then as active Army or Reserve officers, they take on more instant responsibility than is available in most other jobs right out of college. So it's no wonder that employers, looking for demonstrated leadership, rate "Army officer" above most other qualifications. A college graduate who's been an Army officer has more to offer. And most employers know it!

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The riflery team travels to Murfreesboro, Tenn., Saturday to compete with Middle Tennessee in an Ohio Valley Conference match.

Sgt. John Baker's team is winless in two matches, losing to Murray by 30 shots and to Eastern by 40. The Hilltoppers shot a 2,186 in each match. The team is shooting qualifying rounds this week to determine the remaining spot on the four-member team. Joyce Laubenheimer, Eric Sack and Mary Koeckert qualified for the match by shooting a 550 or better against Eastern last week.

The team sharpened its skills earlier this week when two U.S. Army Lieutenants from Ft. Bennett, Ga., conducted a marksmanship clinic at the riflery range in the parking structure.

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On target

Female likes being No. 1 shooter

By BETH TAYLOR

For Mary Koeckert, Western's top shooter on the rifletry team, being part of a male-dominated organization doesn't cause any problems. She said she has a good relationship with the six men on the 10-member squad and the 45 to 50 men in her ROTC junior class.

Being female "doesn't make that much difference," she said. "A lot of top shooters are women, so you don't run into many people thinking you can't shoot because you're a girl."

In fact, two of the Hilltopper's top three shooters are girls. Eric Sack and Joyce Laubenheimer complete the trio in Western's only co-ed varsity sport. Three or four others vary in the fourth spot.

Koeckert spends her time away from the rifle range being a Delta Tau Delta fraternity little sister and a member of the ROTC honor society. The psychology and sociology major maintains a 3.6 grade-point average, she said.

The friendly and easygoing Koeckert laughs and jokes with the other shooters during practice. But when it comes time to get serious, she does that, too.

While shooting, she wears a heavy black leather jacket and padded left-hand glove. For luck, she wears a gray and white pin-striped hat.

A couple of things bother her about Western's rifletry program. A new range was supposed to be built her freshman year, but it hasn't yet materialized. Instead, the riflers shoot in a cramped range beside the university laundry, where she practices about 10 hours a week.

She also wishes the school would hire a new coach. "Nothing against sarge (Sgt. John Baker)," she said. "He's a great guy—very interested in helping us—but he's not an international shooter.

"He's had to learn everything he knows about shooting since he became coach."

"...the only one to blame is the nut behind the buttplate."

—Mary Koeckert

Koeckert began shooting in junior rifletry programs nine years ago, but she has become more serious in the three years she has been at Western on scholarship. The main attraction of rifletry in her novice years was the socializing that went with traveling, meeting people and competing on a multi-state circuit.

But now she has higher aspirations, like making All-American and later representing the United States in the Olympics or Pan-American Games.

She owns about $1,000 worth equipment, including a gun valued at $600. The sport is an expensive one—a case of quality ammunition (5,000 shots) costs $500.

Rifletry competition is almost a year-round affair. The Tops' season begins as soon as school starts and doesn't finish until March.

The possibility of getting "burnt out" is there, but "you just can't. Masochism is the name of the game," she said with a laugh.

Her average has increased each year at Western, from 554 (of 600) to 557 to 560. She has won two overall titles during the summers, plus numerous second- and third-place finishes.

Last summer she was the second alternate on the 10-woman U.S. Randle team that matches scores with other English-speaking countries.

To gain the spot, she placed 12th among the 150 to 175 women in the prone position competition. She estimates she fired 2,200 shots during the four-day event held at Camp Perry, Ohio, an old prisoner-of-war camp along Lake Erie.

She has scored perfect 200s in the prone and kneeling positions but finds the standing position the most challenging and her favorite.

She takes pride in her accomplishments and likes the "individual" aspect of shooting.

"Like they say, then the only one to blame is the nut behind the buttplate."

After graduating, she will spend an obligated four years in the U.S. Army, starting as a second lieutenant, because of her ROTC scholarship.

The army may become her career, she said. She hopes to make the U.S. Marksmanship Unit shooting team in the army, where she said she will receive the best possible coaching and practice at the best possible facilities.

"Then I'll find out if I have the psychological ability to become a true world-class shooter," she said.
Queen elected

Dawn Smith was crowned queen Saturday night at the 45th annual Military Ball at Garrett Conference Center.

Questions coverage

I ask you why did the Military Ball receive only four lines of coverage in the December 5 issue of the Herald? Why is it that a 5-hour formal dance given by Scabbard and Blade is given a filler's spot on page 3, while a sorority's show is given a front page slot? A photograph of the Queen, Dawn Smith, or another paragraph would have been enough! But, as it was, it made the 45th annual Military Ball look absolutely unimportant.

I thank you for your attention in this matter.

Betty Stowers
sophomore
LTC Robert A. Halbman, PMS, presenting certificate of appreciation to President Dero G. Downing for 39 years of dedicated support of the ROTC program at WKU; fall semester 1978 ROTC commissioning ceremony. Dr. (LTC) Norman D. Ehresman (seated) was guest speaker.