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ROTC Week proclaimed

Mayor Spero Kereiakes signed a proclamation today designating next week ROTC Week in Bowling Green.

According to Lt. Col. Gary Riggs, head of the ROTC department, the purpose of the special week is "to emphasize ROTC commitment to the country and to demonstrate the student benefits of ROTC."

Special activities begin Monday with a luncheon for the ROTC advisory committee. Kelly Thompson, president emeritus of the university, will speak on "Traditions and Contributions of ROTC at Western."

On Thursday, ROTC forces will raise three flags above Diddle Arena. The flags will be the American flag, Kentucky state flag and Western flag. The ROTC department will raise the flags on a regular basis, Riggs said.

ROTC forces will participate in field exercises the weekend following the special observance.

A PROCLAMATION designating the week of October 12-18 "ROTC Week" was signed by Bowling Green Mayor Spero Kereiakes Friday, Oct. 10. Witnessing the Mayor's signature from left are, seated, Dr. William R. Hourigan, dean, College of Applied Arts and Health, Western Kentucky University, Mayor Kereiakes and Lt. Col. Gary A. Riggs, professor of military science at Western. Standing from left are, seated, Cadet Jerry Reynolds, Louisville senior; Cadet Sandy Haworth, a junior from Miami, Fla.; and Cadet Corps Commander Joe Smith of Bardstown, Ky. Not pictured but participants in the ceremony were Cadets Pat Tally and Grady Waller of Bowling Green High School.
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Distinguished Military Students: (Left to right) Jim Humble, Gary Riggs Jr., Roger Coffey, Mike Durham, Brian Durbin, Alan Grie, Joe Stallings, Sam Murphy, Steven Fogle, Bradley Freeman and Joe Smith.

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For additional information contact the Professor of Military Science, Room 116, Diddle Arena, 745-4293 or 4294.
Sophomore Ted Nicholas leads a special force back to the main camp site Sunday morning.

Cadets attend field training exercise

The ROTC Senior Cadet Corps, in connection with the military science department at Western, conducted a Field Training Exercise (FTX) on Oct. 25 and 26 at Liles Farm in Allen County. Beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 90 volunteers met at Diddle Arena to attend classes on the use of the M-16 rifle. Equipment was issued to the classes at that time.

"The purpose of the exercise was to help the juniors in preparation for summer camp," said Bob Yeater, platoon leader in the FTX and a junior in the ROTC program. "It gives them a leadership position to see how they will react in different situations."

The 100th Reserve from Ft. Knox provided instruction on aspects of the M-60 machine gun. Dinner was provided by the reserves, followed by classes on light and sound discipline, taught by the senior cadets. Basic rules on types of movement in the field and proper use of camouflage were taught to the cadets.

Reconnaissance and combat patrols practiced maneuvering through the woods and other obstacles on Saturday night. A debriefing that pointed out strengths and weaknesses of the maneuvers followed the patrols, ending the cadets' first day at 1 a.m. Sunday morning.

Sunday's activities began with a leadership reaction course, where cadets were divided into teams of 12 to work against each other in hypothetical situations involving ambushes and assaults on encampments.

The cadets then packed their gear in preparation to return to Diddle Arena to clean and turn in equipment. The two-day field training exercise ended at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon.
Riflers to vie in UK meet

Western's rifle team will compete in its first meet of the new year this weekend when it shoots at the Kentucky Rifle League meet at the University of Kentucky.

According to coach Sgt. Jay Eatherly, this will end its shoulder-to-shoulder (dual match) competition for the rest of the year, except for a possible meet with the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga later in the month.

The team, which has compiled a 3-2 record in shoulder-to-shoulder action thus far, will compete against seven different teams from Kentucky and Tennessee.

According to Eatherly, this was done to eliminate some of the cost of going to the different schools to shoot. "This way, we can compete in more tournaments because instead of going to seven different schools, we can do them all in one weekend," he added.

This meet will prepare the team for the Collegiate Sectional Tournament to be held at Georgia State University Feb. 7 and 8. This tournament is required so the teams may receive their national rating. According to Eatherly, they will not know the results of this meet for several months. "We may finish on Sunday morning, and then we will pack up and leave, so there's no way we can know for sure until the results come in."

Western's R.O.T.C. rifle team competed in a postal tournament last weekend. This is where the riflers shoot and then send their targets through the mail, with the results being given at a later date.
Military Ball set next week

Scabbard and Blade, national military honor society, will sponsor the 47th annual Military Ball Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Garrett Conference Center Ballroom.

The theme of this year's ball is "Spirit of '76." Entertainment will be provided by Blacksmith from North Carolina. Dress is formal.

Admission is free to ROTC cadets and their guests. Others should contact the military science department or any ROTC cadets to obtain a free ticket.

The ballroom will be decorated in a colonial style. Members of Scabbard and Blade will be wearing military uniforms of the colonial period.

The queen of the Military Ball will be crowned. Eight women have been nominated for the crown. They are: Donna Buckles, a junior from Caneyville; Barbara Culp, a freshman from Ft. Campbell; Adele Gleaves, a senior from Louisville; Marilyn Henry, a freshman from Owensboro; Tracy Hooker, a freshman from Radcliff; Anita Jones, a freshman from Ft. Campbell; Gayle Scaud, a sophomore from Louisville; and Cindy Thomas, a freshman from Dover, Del.

49 students named to Who's Who rolls

Results of the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" election have been released by the student affairs office.

Forty-nine students were selected from 180 candidates in the election held Oct. 28. The candidates were seniors who had been nominated by faculty members in at least two different departments.

The student affairs office was able to supply the hometowns of the Who's Who winners; the information here was taken from student directory.

Catherine Anne Burton, Louisville; Jenny Biggers, Floy, Bowling Green; Jane Viola Fees, Lexington; June Patricia Frazier, Gilbertsville; Linda Ann Franich, Louisville; Janis Michael French, Louisville; Adele E. Green, Louisville; Kaye Wilder Green, Bowling Green; Kitty Hall, Louisville; Stephen Lewis Henry, Owensboro; Enoch Taylor Hines, Lexington; Steven A. Knell, Bowling Green; Doris Gail London, Gravel Switch; Martha Kavish London, Gravel Switch; Mary H. Levy, North Miami, Fla.; Curtis Eugene Manning, Henderson; Mary Lynne McCalden, Bowling Green; David Carl McHurtphants, Sumter Shade; Karen Ann McShiel, Middletown; Beverly Norris, Middletown; Paul Marshall Nelson, Bowling Green; Elizabeth Lynne New, Bowling Green; Mary Rachel New, Bowling Green; Charles Morris, Rawlings, Calhoun; Paul Dale Rusher, Warrensburg; Kathleen P. Rutherford, Cadiz; Katheryn Jean Saccorro, Bowling Green; Greta Shinn, St. Joseph, Mich.; Duncan Mylin, St. Louis; Virginia Shinn, Bowling Green; Joseph Russell Tinkler, New Harmony; J.R. Boggs, Bowling Green; Doris Jean Wallace, Clay; Jeffrey Lee Wayner, Jeffersonville; Candace Amelia Wells, Cadiz; Nancy Elizabeth Wilk, Bowling Green; Mary Marie Wilkins, Paducah; Charles Jackson Wright, Glasgow; Monica Marvett Wright, Bowling Green.

Riflers to fire at Cincinnati

M. Sgt. Jay Eatherly's riflery team will trigger its tournament season tomorrow in the annual Walsh Invitational at Cincinnati.

"There will be about 50 to 60 teams entered in the tournament," said Eatherly. He said the invitational usually has a strong field of teams.

The squad climaxcd its dual-meet season Oct. 25 at Ft. Campbell with a 2,183 to 1,740 victory over Austin Peay. The Toppers enter tomorrow's invitational with a 3-2 record.

In dual meets, the riflers own wins over Vanderbilt, Middle Tennessee and the Governors. East Tennessee and Tennessee Tech are the only teams that have out-shot the Toppers.

After tomorrow's invitational the squad's next action will take place in the Kentucky Invitation in Lexington Nov. 15.
Queen of arms

Gayle Schaad, a sophomore from Louisville, was crowned Queen of the Military Ball by the Scabbard and Blade honorary fraternity Saturday night at Garrett Conference Center. Escorting Schaad was Joe Smith, corps commander of military science.

—Roger Loeswen
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Rebelettes place third in drill meet

The Rebelettes placed third among 21 teams last weekend at a drill meet at Ohio State University. The Rebelettes, affiliates of Pershing Rifles, will compete in the OVC Drill Meet April 10.

Riflers make Eatherly beam

Carlsens lead Tops to sectional win

By JIM GROVE

M. Sgt. Jay Eatherly is happy. Just ask him about last weekend's collegiate sectional rifle tournaments and he'll show you the 18 medals and two trophies his team won.

"It seemed that in every sectional we were finishing second or third or fourth, but this time we finally won it," Eatherly said proudly.

"This is the first time since riflery became a varsity sport here that our team has won a sectional," he added.

The team, with the brother and sister combination of Christine and Alfie Carl sen supplying the firepower, registered tough wins over some of the finest riflery teams in the nation, giving them a slim chance at a high national rating. "We won't know for sure until probably June or July, but I would imagine that we would be in the top 10," Eatherly said.

Western not only had high scores as a team, but was strong individually as well. According to Eatherly, two of the shooters, Keith Cerk and Alfie Carl sen, have a chance to make honorable mention on the All-American squad.

Steve Brittingham won individual honors in the first sectional, scoring 285 of a possible 300 points. He was followed by Alfie Carl sen who had 282 and Cerk who had 278. This gave the Toppers 1,098 points, 14 better than their closest competitor, Georgia State University.

In the second sectional, it was Christine Carl sen who took both high individual honors and high women's honors with 564 of a possible 600 points. In that competition, Western's closest rival was again Georgia State, 43 points behind.

The team's next meet is the Mid-West Camp Perry matches in Boonville, Md., which attracts more than 110 schools.
Shooters finish second

in Camp Perry matches

Western's rifle team won eight awards and at least two trophies en route to a second-place finish at the 41st annual Mid-West Camp Perry matches in Booneville, Mo., last weekend.

Christine Carlsen, Alfie Carl sen and Keith Cerk won individual honors in the event as Christine set a meet record for women in the prone position, missing the all-time record by one shot.

She had a perfect score in regulation time, but fell one shot shy when she went for the record. "She's just one heck of a shooter," said rifle coach M. Sgt. Jay Eatherly.

Christine's brother, Alfie Carlsen finished fourth in the prone and fifth in the standing positions in varsity competition. Cerk finished first in kneeling and fifth in the standing in the ROTC division.

"I'm just tickled to death," said Eatherly. "When you can finish second in an event of this size, you just have to be happy," he said.

According to Eatherly, this is one of the largest matches in the nation with more than 120 teams from 18 states competing.

The riflers were beaten by the University of Minnesota, which beat the 'Topper' previous season high by four points. Minnesota scored 2,222 points to Western's 2,194. Western's second team also captured third place with 2,172 points.

On an individual basis, Alfie Carlsen led all the shooters with 560 points. Other scores were Keith Cerk, 555 points; Steve Brittingham, 544; Christine Carlsen, 535 points. Second team scores were John Clark and Duane Robinson, 549 points; John Miller, 541 points; Tony Dunn, 533.

"If we shot equal to our best score of the year we would still have lost by four," said Eatherly. "They beat us by one point earlier, but we have outshot them on several other occasions."

The team, now 9-3 in dual match competition, will finish its season in a home match against University of Tennessee-Chattanooga March 27.
ARMY ROTC IS AVAILABLE DURING THE SECOND BI-TERM

Classes commence March 15 and registration is no later than March 17.

Classes meet Monday and Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 1:50 p.m.

Leadership Practicum meets Saturday 8 to 12 March 27 and April 10.

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Army ‘chief’ wages war in the dorm

William Cardwell is actively engaged in turning his dorm room into an army motor pool and garrison.

Model tanks, artillery pieces, trucks and jeeps sit in small boxes and on a shelf, waiting for a “war game.”

This army’s chief is William Cardwell, a freshman from Henderson, has built a fleet of “about 500” military models.

“Most of them (the models) are at home,” Cardwell said. “About 20 are in the (dorm) room. I’m rebuilding some.”

“I’m trying to make them look like they’ve been wrecked up in battle, adding a little detail to them,” Cardwell said.

He said adding “detail” includes melting down tires to make them look flat, painting on rust spots, bullet holes, and camouflage, melting side plates, and adding extra gas tanks, decals and pennants.

Because there isn’t enough space in the dorm room to play a full-scale war game with toy models, Cardwell keeps 14 board games in his room, all embracing the theme of war.

Cardwell, who is a government major and an ROTC minor, said he took an interest in model army artillery four years ago while browsing through an Evansville, Ind., hobby shop. Since then, Cardwell said he has spent “easily 5000 or more” on his hobby.

Cardwell said he builds models and plays war games “because I enjoy it. I’m planning to go into the Army and I learn things from this.”

Cardwell said he keeps most of his fleet at home in his garage, where there is room for a full-fledged battle among friends.

“There’s me and two subordinates and another commander and two subordinates,” Cardwell said.

Preparation for the war games involves careful planning, Cardwell said.

Each team has a map that the opponent is not allowed to see. On the map are different colored pins that mark the locations of the team’s tanks and artillery.

The pin markings are based on opening skirmishes of famous historical battles, usually German, American or British, Cardwell said. “We learn lessons from historical battles, then let it (the battle) go free, and see if it goes the same or completely different,” Cardwell said.

To start the war, each team sends out a reconnaissance patrol to search out the enemy by moving pins on the map and making corresponding moves on the table-battlefield. “When we make contact we take things off the board,” Cardwell said.

A casualty sheet and a list of the number of men lost is kept, Cardwell said.

Asked if he thought setting up battles and keeping lists of the dead was unusual, Cardwell said, “We realize that people are going to be killed. We just thank God that we’re playing on a board and not a real war.”

He said a “map” battle usually takes three months to complete and can be played best during the summer.

“Some battles are fast, like five or six hours, and that will be the end of it,” Cardwell said. These abbreviated battles are the type that Cardwell plays on weekends at home.

William Cardwell

“Don’t have any airplanes. We use (paper) markers representing a bomb target,” Cardwell said. “Each airplane carries so many bombs and it’s agreed on (beforehand) whether there’s any casualties or not.

He said he and his friends have written a rule book for the war games, based on published manuals and their own ideas.

Riflers end season with win

Western’s rifle team ended what M. Sgt. Jay Eatherly called “a successful season” last weekend by topping the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga 3,141-2,101 at the university rifle range.

Steve Brittingham led Western with 555 points while John Miller had 540. Steve Bruton scored 530 and Patrick Moran finished with 516.

With the exception of Brittingham, only second team members participated in the meet. “If we had shot our first team, we would have won by more than 100 points,” said Eatherly.

“It was like coach Richards using his bench. We have few chances to get our second team into competition and this was one of those times,” he said.

The riflers ended the season with a 10-3 record, losing only to Tennessee Tech, East Tennessee and Murray. “The three we lost to are probably the No. 1, No. 2 and No.4 teams in the nation,” Eatherly pointed out.

—By William Cardwell
Easy does it

Emmanuel Bell, a sophomore business major from Lexington, rappels from the top of a parking structure at Western Kentucky State University during a volunteer training lab offered in conjunction with ROTC military science classes.
WKU DRILL TEAMS WIN OVC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bowling Green, Ky.--Western Kentucky University's Pershing Rifles, Company B-3, and Rebelettes drill teams won the 1976 Ohio Valley Championship and the overall Andrew Jackson Invitational Championship conducted at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on 23 and 24 April 1976. This was the second time in the brief history of the fourth annual General Andrew Jackson Invitational drill meet that Western's teams have won both the OVC trophy for participating OVC schools and the Hermitage Award for the overall championship.

Enroute to these two championships, Western's men picked up trophies for competition in Color Guard, Men's Standard drill, Men's Exhibition drill and Dual Exhibition; while the women captured trophies in Exhibition drill, Exhibition Dual and Individual and the Best Overall Women's Unit Award.

This meet culminated a highly successful drill season for Western's Pershing Rifles team commanded by Cadet Captain Brad Freeman, a graduating senior from Ashland, Kentucky, and the Rebelette team commanded by Honorary Captain Ellen Wilhoit, from Owensboro, Kentucky. The teams are advised by Major Billy H. Pearson and Staff Sergeant James L. Childers from Western's Big Red ROTC Department.

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Military Science
Trophies exhibited

BRAD FREEMAN (left) of Ashland and Sheila Garrett, Bowling Green, hold trophies the Western Kentucky University Pershing Rifles and Rebelettes Drill teams received recently after winning the Ohio Valley Conference Championship and the General Andrew Jackson Invitational Drill meet. The meets were at Middle Tennessee State University at Murfreesboro, and Western's teams defeated teams from Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee to win the titles. Maj. Billy Pearson (center), assistant professor of military science, is faculty advisor to the teams.
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WKU ROTC CADETS COMMISSIONED INTO U.S. ARMY

Bowling Green, Ky.--Western Kentucky University commissioned 14 cadets second lieutenants in the U.S. Army Friday, May 7, in the College of Education Building Auditorium at the Western campus.

Brigadier General James M. Leslie, commander of the Second Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Region, addressed the graduating seniors. Gen. Leslie said that the "need for a strong U.S. defense establishment and the worldwide threat at this moment" guarantee the need for ROTC men and women for the next 40 years.

Gen. Leslie also stressed the importance of lieutenants to the Army defining the "military professional" as "an officer or soldier of unimpeachable integrity who leads, trains, and ministers his command or activity in a highly competent manner, utilizing the resources provided, to obtain established standards, goals, and objectives."

Gen. Leslie quoted Panama Canal Zone combat brigade commander Major General Bill Richardson who said: "the degree to which you use your abilities or talents depends largely upon your use of four basic tools...intelligence, imagination, ingenuity, and intiative. The truly dedicated man always has time and will not get side-tracked, according to Gen. Leslie. One man can do nothing without the four I's of Gen. Richardson and neither can he function without a necessary fifth I, unimpeachable integrity, said Leslie.

Commissioned cadets, said Gen Leslie, are becoming "symbols, as well as special representatives of a free country." He told the cadets the traditions of their high office would mark them ideally as leaders who should be dedicated to their country and not feel the country should be dedicated to them.

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Western ROTC Drill Teams Win Two Trophies

Western's two drill teams, Pershing Rifles and Rebelettes, have combined to win both the Ohio Valley Conference championship and the General Andrew Jackson Invitational Drill Meet at Middle Tennessee State University. The Pershing Rifles took first in men's standard platoon and second in men's exhibition squad and color guard. Brad Freeman, a senior from Ashland, and Robert Teater, a junior from Vine Grove, placed first in exhibition drill. The Rebelettes took second place in women's platoon competition. Anita Ground, a Bowling Green sophomore, and Marilyn Henry, a freshman from Owensboro, finished second in women's dual competition. A freshman from Dover, Del., Cindy Thomas, placed second with dual sabers. Western's teams defeated squads from Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee to win the titles. Maj. Billy Pearson, assistant professor of military science, is the advisor to both drill teams.

Western's Pershing Rifles team was commanded by Cadet Capt. Brad Freeman (left), a graduating senior from Ashland, and the Rebelettes team represented by Miss Sheila Garrett (right), Bowling Green. The teams' advisor was Maj. Billy H. Pearson, assistant professor of military science.

Brig. Gen. James M. Leslie, commander of the Second ROTC Region, Fort Knox, spoke at the ROTC commissioning exercises at Western May 7. Fifteen cadets were commissioned second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, five of whom were awarded regular commissions, with the other 10 receiving commissions in the Army Reserve. Eight were honored as "distinguished military graduates."
In today's world of changing demands the Military Science Department at Western apparently has come up with a solution which keeps pace. Student enrollment in ROTC at Western has risen over 300 percent in the last three years.

"In the middle 1960s military science enrollment began to drop and did drop progressively until it reached 97 in 1973. But beginning in 1973, it has risen, to the present figure of 326 students," said Lt. Col. Gary Riggs, professor of military science and head of ROTC at Western.

Riggs, a Western alumnus, cited the fact that Western's ROTC program always has been on an elective basis as one possible reason for the sharp decline of the '60s. (Some schools such as land grant colleges continued to require ROTC for male students).

But whatever caused the slump in interest in military science has begun to retreat and the department is experiencing an advancing success in student interest and participation.

"Across the country there has been an increase (in enrollment) due to the attitudes of students and parents, since the unpopularity that existed through the Vietnam era has subsided," said Riggs.
However, more than the change in attitudes is motivating the upswing in participation in the ROTC. According to Riggs, one thing that has attracted additional student interest has been upgrading certain military science courses so that they count toward many other fields of study.

The ROTC freshman program has been oriented to inform students about details of the Department of Defense and the U. S. Army which will help any student to make better judgments in the future, according to Maj. W. F. Prow, an assistant professor of military science.

In addition to course improvements, freedom of choice allows students to get the "feel" of the ROTC program and it seems to have added an extra "stripe" to the department.

Riggs said students participating in ROTC are given as many options as possible today. They are presented with various extra-curricular activities related to military science. For instance, the department sponsors the Pershing Rifles drill team for men and Rebelettes, Western's drill team for women; Special Forces, which specializes in adventure training such as rappelling, river crossing and sky diving; the Varsity Rifle team (open to anyone) competitive in marksmanship, and Scabbard and Blade, national honorary leadership society.

An added bonus for students in ROTC courses includes trips to military posts for orientation and training. "We try to show them what to expect if they continue in the program. They get to see what military life involves," Riggs said.

"Continually through field training exercises, the cadet corps runs itself in that students are in control of as much as they can handle. We guide and direct them, but they participate in and run the field training exercises," Riggs added.

"Since I started in the program (as a Western student), more classes, more options and a more varied program have been presented to students," said Miss Lynn Berry, a junior ROTC cadet. Miss Berry also cited her feeling that the Army offers a secure career as another reason for the increased participation in military science.

Not only has Western's Military Science Department been successful in its recruitment in the last few years, but it has also been successful in its mission to train future officers. The department is ranked Number 1 by the 2nd ROTC Region, which includes 70 colleges and universities.

"Our faculty is sound here, and we are constantly working together to present the ROTC picture to students. We all work very hard at recruiting students in Kentucky and on the national level, but we also recruit actively on campus as well," explained Riggs.

He added: "Western's faculty is very supportive of the ROTC program, and they support it more now than in the past."

Riggs said the ROTC faculty works at projecting the value of ROTC to others and at training young men and women in what second lieutenants need to know for active duty in the U. S. Army.

"Some of our commissioned officer graduates are in top Army positions today," he commented. Adding, he said, "Western cadets ranked at the very top in competition at summer camps this year."

Western also is advancing in the number of reserve officer trainees who are being offered regular commissions in the U. S. Army. Western submitted eight students for Regular Army commission last year, and all eight candidates were accepted, far ahead of the national rate of 50-59 per cent.

Riggs said the department already has surpassed this year's goal of attracting new students to try ROTC by 25-30 people.

"Students are important to us and we try to get this across," Riggs said. "We give students the chance to look at Army life and the chance to see that we can teach them leadership that they can use in public life for any field."
By MARTHA A. FALLS

The Roving Reporter was snoopin' around during 2nd cycle impression trying to ferret out the answer to a disconcerting question. Why are so many pretty women interested in ROTC?

Linda Palmtag (California Polytechnic Institute) — My father's in the Air Force and he suggested that I use this summer as a test to see if I'd like the military way of life. Another reason is that I'm getting out of school soon and the job openings in radio and broadcasting are limited.

Dona Richey (Western Kentucky University) — I felt that coming to ROTC basic camp was an experience I wouldn't want to miss. If I like it, I'll make a career out of it. I pay's good too.

An elementary education major can't find too many jobs making that much money.

JoAnn Nakamura (University of Hawaii) — There are two reasons I'm here. First, I like to travel. Secondly, I'm not sure yet what I want to do with my life so I was hoping the Army would put a little direction in it.

Isabel Rodriguez (Rice University) — I wanted to try something different.

Joan Alexander (University of Vermont) — I'm looking for adventure. I've been working out and I think I'm ready for basic camp. I don't quite know the ranks yet, but I'll learn.

Muriel Davidson (Central Michigan University) — I thought ROTC basic camp would be a fun way to spend the summer and a good way to earn money.

Patricia Counsil (San Jose State University) — I'd planned on joining the regular reserves. However, one of my friends came here last year. She talked about coming this year.

Kim Hamber (East Tennessee State University) — I'm trying for an ROTC scholarship so I can finish my pre-med program.

Nancy McNutt (Locknest Institute of Technology) — ROTC sounded good and it sounded different, so it appealed to me. My fiance is very proud of my career decision.

Jean Miller (Southwestern State College, Oklahoma) — I'm here for the money and the good experience. Besides, I'm an Air Force brat. When I get out of here, I'll have a job. With my business administration major, I might not be so lucky.

Molly Sherrick (Princeton University) — At Princeton they have a very good military science department and ROTC program, especially for women. It's not all the universities that let the women go out on outings. I had thought of enrolling in the four-year ROTC program when I was a senior in high school, but I decided to wait until I was sure I would like it. I watched the program carefully to see who participated in it and what they did. Finally, I decided that ROTC was for me.

Mary Nicely (West Virginia State College) — I had thought of joining the regular Army, so when the recruiter suggested ROTC, I decided to give it a try.

Mary Nicely

JoAnn Nakamura

Nancy McNutt

Jean Miller

\'75 honor grads excel

By PAT HENSON

What will you be doing a year from now? Will you have continued in the ROTC program? Will you be on your way to ROTC Advanced Camp? Admittedly, our powers of prophecy are meager and we won't hazard a guess about what the present basic camp cadets will be doing a year from today.

But the information office did a little checking around and managed to find out what several of the 1975 basic camp top graduates are doing these days.

At the end of each cycle of basic camp, a cadet is chosen as the outstanding cadet of each company and one is chosen as the outstanding cadet of the graduating battalion.

The outstanding Cadet Award is based on leadership potential, military expertise and rapport with fellow cadets.

The winners are those cadets who have done best in their basic leadership classes, career orientation, night tactical training and voluntary classes.

Cadet: Mark V. Biggers

Biggers returned to Western Kentucky University after winning a two-year ROTC scholarship and being selected the outstanding cadet of the battalion during last year's 3rd cycle.

During the past school year, Biggers became a platoon leader within the corps of cadets, the highest rank of any junior cadet at WKU.

He was a member of Scabbard and Blade, an honorary society, and was at the top of his academic class in ROTC.

Execute to advanced camp, Biggers attended the Army Air Assault School at Ft. Campbell, Ky. and graduated in the top 10 percent of the class.

He has been selected to fill a leadership position during the opening ceremonies of advanced camp at Ft. Riley, Kan. He has also been selected for Army Orientation Training following advanced camp.

Cadet Paula Lindquist experienced several "firsts." Last year. She was one of over 180 women who became the first women to graduate from ROTC basic camp.

She returned to Austin-Peay State University to become the first woman member of the Ranger unit there.

She ended up the school year as the first in her class. During the year she was also selected as cadet battalion sergeant major by the Army (DA) Superior Cadet Award.

She will be attending the first cycle of advanced camp at Ft. Riley.

We found that other of the top dots we tracked down had won awards, including the American Legion Award for General Military Merit, the Labor - Veterans of Foreign Wars medal. This summer they will attend advanced camps at Ft. Riley, Ft. Bragg, N.C., and Ft. Lewis, Wa. and Airborne School at Ft. Benning, Ga.

If you stuck with ROTC, chances are that next summer can be every bit as busy as this one.
A taste of Army life

Riding a bus to various points on post and standing in lines marked the beginning of a six-week ROTC summer camp for Donna Richey this week. The basic camp is being held at Ft. Knox for future Army officers. Donna is a student at Western Kentucky University. For more photos of her as she gets her first taste of Army life, see the front page of today's B section.

Staff photo by Dennis Dusenberg
Donna Richey of Louisville is one of some 2,300 students attending ROTC Camp at Ft. Knox this summer.

Hurry up and wait! This is the second year women have participated at the Ft. Knox ROTC Camp.

The camp provides students from all around the country the chance to get to know each other.
O-o-o-h! Sometimes it pays to keep your eyes shut to daydream unpleasantries away.

Donna will get sized up during the six-week training camp in more ways than one. This time it is for boots.
All set? Donna finds her bag is full and not too light as she waits in line. There'll be more lines to wait in over the six-week training period but it should be anything but a routine summer for her.

Fill 'er up! Donna picks up basic supplies issued each student at the camp.
Cadet feels pressure in ROTC-basic camp

As the first cadet to serve as first sergeant of Company D, 15th Battalion, Cadet Thomas Johnson observed, "It started off with a lot of pressure that morning. It felt like the whole world was coming down, keeping track of 200 cadets. But by the afternoon I had it pretty well under control."

Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Johnson of 112 LaRue Ct., Radcliff, is one of over 700 college students attending the second cycle of training at the 1978 Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Basic Camp here.

The six-week ROTC basic camp is designed for college students who did not take ROTC during their first two years of college and for high school graduates who plan to attend military junior colleges this fall. Successful completion of basic camp qualifies them to go into the two-year advanced ROTC course at their college or university.

This fall Johnson will attend Western Kentucky University, where he will major in psychology, history and secondary education.

Johnson attended Elizabethtown Community College and was awarded an Associate of Arts degree in May.

During the summer and on weekends during the school year, Johnson works as a service station attendant at Ft. Knox. When asked why he decided to come to basic camp, Johnson said "I've always wanted to be in the military." His father retired from the Army in November.

During the six weeks of training, the cadets receive 240 hours of intensive instruction in basic rifle marksmanship training, military drill and ceremonies, communications training, overnight bivouacs, individual and small-unit tactics and daily physical training. Leadership positions are rotated among the cadets on a daily basis to provide each the opportunity to develop their ability to lead.

Along with over 600 men, the second cycle included over 190 women in the training. This is the second year women have participated in the camp. Johnson said, "I think the women's program is o.k. They keep up with us - I was really surprised. There are few women that are really below par, that hold back everything. But to make up for it, there are quite a few superior ones. They are the ones that turn out to be the better leaders when they get in a leadership position."

The second cycle will graduate on July 22.