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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

What's it all about? What is the purpose and goals of this Newsletter? Well, don't judge a newsletter by the first issue. The goal and purpose of this publication is to provide communication within the cadet corps. Our goal is to inform the cadets of items of interest that are happening within the ROTC Battalion as well as other campus activities. In the future issues we plan to present more articles concerning the Freshman involvement. Once we get the ball rolling, there is a good possibility of changing the type of printing to include pictures.

Remember, this paper is about you, cadets at WKU. It is only limited by your involvement and interest.

WARNING!

Beware of low flying aircraft because the next airplane you might see flying over Bowling Green might be piloted by Cadet. That's right, three cadets, Roger Coffey, Johnny Owens and Al Telles will participate in the 36 hour Flight Training Program. The Jewell Flying Service of Glasgow, Kentucky will provide the instruction.

The entire cost of the program is covered by the Army which includes all fees for instruction as well as transportation, flight clothing, equipment and her expenses. Upon completion of this program, the cadets may be awarded their private pilots license.

My staff and I have been working very hard for the past few weeks and now it is paying off for you. This year, we have short training exercises called mini-labs. The mini-labs were designed to be fun as well as challenging and worthwhile. Here is a schedule of these events:

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The FTX scheduled for the 11th of October should be outstanding. It will include hot meals Saturday night and Sunday morning furnished by the 100th Division. Also, Fort Knox will be providing classes on mortars and the M-60. The juniors will be in leadership positions for the night maneuvers. Besides being a good learning experience, it's worth two points on the OML!!! Hope you can make it.

I sincerely hope each of you will take a great interest in military science this semester so that the expertise of the senior class can be passed on. Let's stay No. 1 in the region and put our goals to be No. 1 in the nation.

Cadet LTC Joseph A. Smith

MILITARY BALL

November 8th

The biggest formal dance on the "hill"

PLAN TO ATTEND
Airborne! Are you crazy or something--you couldn't pay me enough to jump out of a perfect good airplane.

Well that's what I said once too, but you know, jump school is an enlightening experience for the person who wants to know just what his or her limitations are.

The personnel assigned as instructors are of the highest quality the Army has to offer. Their expertise and experience is unparalleled in any of the sister services, and you see this the entire time you are at Fort Benning.

Jumping out of an airplane at 1250 feet is nothing short of proving to yourself, just how much confidence you have in yourself and more importantly, how much confidence you have in your equipment.

Of the four cadets that went to Benning, three completed the course, and the one who didn't is going back as soon as he gets on active duty.

In closing, I would recommend jump school to any one who seeks adventure and likes the feeling of butterflies in their gut--just for an instant--it's exhilarating! Just ask Roger Coffey, Art Shenwell, or myself.

Jim Humble

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Scabbard & Blade

Scabbard & Blade is currently opening up to eligible cadets of the Advanced Course. To be considered for membership in S & B, the candidate must be enrolled as a full time student, and have a minimum grade average of 3.0 in Military Science and minimum scholastic average of 2.5 in all collegiate subjects. Scabbard & Blade is a fraternal association whose primary purpose is to raise the standard of military education in American colleges and universities, to encourage and devalue the essential qualities of good and efficient officers, and to promote friendship and good fellowship among the cadet corps.

Ranger

This past spring, four cadets from the junior class decided that they wished to attend the toughest school that the Army offers, Ranger school. These four cadets began an intensified physical training program, and studied portions of the Ranger handbook to prepare themselves to meet the test they were about to be given. Sixty five very long days, most 20 hours long, tested these cadets to the maximum. They received training in three basic areas; conventional operations, conventional operations in a mountains, and then in a jungle environment. In order to accomplish this training, they were first subjected to physical training, hand to hand combat, operations & warning orders, rifle marksmanship, and an introduction to patrolling. Often these students only got two or three hours of sleep a night, and suffered personal injuries that, if detected by the medical personnel, could have caused their dismissal from the course. However, they continued to drive on with the determination and just plain guts it takes to make it through the course.

All four of these cadets received the coveted Ranger tab. The first, Roger Coffey, graduated first in his platoon and received an award for scoring in the top five percent of all the ROTC cadets on the FT test. The second, Sam Murphy, also received the FT award for his score on the FT test. Alan Grice and Brian Durbin were the other two cadets who received the "Ranger Tab."

(editors note: this is the first in a series of true stories about Ranger camp.)

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Kadet Award

This month's KADET AWARD goes to Joe Smith and Sam Murphy for their participation in the Million Dollar Bike Ride. This was a benefit for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Both cadets will receive an autograph copy of this paper from the S-2.
Eleven cadets have been presented the title of DISTINGUISHED MILITARY STUDENT. This award is for displaying outstanding qualities of leadership, high moral character, noteworthy academic achievement, and exceptional aptitude for military service.

Under the provisions of AR 145-1 and with the concurrence of the President of Western Kentucky University, the following cadets were designated Distinguished Military Students for school year 1975-76:

COFFEY, Roger L.
DURBIN, John B.
DURHAM, Michael D.
FOGLE, Stephen R.
FREEMAN, Bradley D.
GRIEVE, Alan E.
HUMBLE, James F.
MURPHY, Samuel E.
RICGS, Gary A. Jr.
SMITH, Joseph A.
STALLINGS, Joseph D.

THE BLACK BERETS

Being able to brave the elements of nature is usually one of the characteristics of the mailman, but one organization on Western's campus has stolen the mailman's thunder.

Special Forces or sometimes referred to as the Black Berets is modeled after the Green Berets. Special Forces has been in operation since October 1967. It has grown since then from a small group of ROTC students who wanted more training in small unit tactics into an organization of 18 active members.

The Black Berets are trained for proficiency in tactics, cliff rappelling, water survival, and quick day & night movements. Orienteering also leans toward the element of excitement. Eleven members will be testing their skills of land navigation in an upcoming orienteering meet in Louisiana on the 4th & 5th of October.

FERSHING RIFLES DEVELOPS LEADERS

Eight cadets here at Western are presently pledging the oldest college military society in America. These cadets are tested both physically and mentally with a great deal of emphasis on drill, military courtesy and customs, and becoming acquainted with the active members.

Fershing Rifles Company B, Third Regiment is a military-social organization composed of young men and women enrolled in Army ROTC. Its purpose is to instill leadership, build confidence, and to provide the social life that develops a sense of purpose.

Company B, is noted for its drill teams, and sponsors the national championship drill team the Rebelettes. These teams perform in parades, at halftime of home basketball games, and have traveled throughout the country.

The Fershing Rifleman of Company B offers its members an opportunity to supplement their ROTC training through frequent field training exercises designed to sharpen their tactical proficiency. Company B performs various university functions; ushering football and basketball games, assisting the administration during registration, and directing traffic at the beginning of each fall semester.

The life of a Fershing Rifleman is not all hard work and no play, for the social life of a Fershing Rifleman is unsurpassed at Western. Members of Company B enjoy a social life which consists of many formal and informal gatherings throughout the school year.

Oct. 11-12

F T X

Only $1.00 gives you 2 hot meals!

ASK YOUR COMPANY COMMANDER
Basic Camp Blues

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was submitted by Verk Biggers who finished 1st out of his cycle of 846 cadets at Basic Camp.)

DROP! GET UP! DROP! GET UP! DROP! . . . . KNOCK 'EM OUT! So starts a usual training day of ROTC Basic Camp at Fort Knox, Ky. The victim of the Drill Sergeant's wrath may be one Cadet or the whole company. Usually, in the morning, it most likely will be the whole company. The reason: the company either formed too late or too early. It really didn't matter. Actually, it wasn't that bad, or was it?

What is Basic Camp? The ROTC Basic Camp is a six-week course of instruction designed for a student who has not had the Basic Course to "catch up" with his colleagues and enter the Advanced Course. This summer a total of 13 W.K.U. ROTC Cadets successfully completed the camp, several of them doing exceptionally well.

The training was demanding, both physically and emotionally. For all purposes, the cadets went through Regular Army Basic Training. Our loving guardians were the Drill Sergeants. Actually, they are in my opinion, about the best men I have ever had the pleasure to meet. Sure, they scared the crap out of us. They screamed, hollered, cursed, and generally made a spectacle of themselves. But at the end of camp I realized just how much I had matured as a result of their work. And don't let anybody kid you, they work hard.

In all seriousness, the quality of training was excellent. The Cadre were all excellent, trained professionals. They taught marksmanship, map reading, tactics, and close combat. Drill and Ceremonies took up a lot of time. Each cadet had at least three leadership positions during camp, upon which he or she was graded. As for myself, my self-esteem and self-confidence surfaced there at camp. I became proud of myself, and I really believed in what I was preparing myself for—a career as an Army officer.

Life in the 3rd Battalion

by Lyntanauan L. Martin

From the first day to the last it was an experience. Especially one that I will never forget.

It was much like ROTC except there was more pressure on everyone and more military. Like ROTC, there were men and women in the same platoons. This made things very interesting. It meant we (the women) didn't have to go all over Fort Riley to find some men. They lived in the next barracks or across the road. We didn't get to see the people from the other companies or battalions very much except Alpha Co. which also had women. There were only two companies with women which were Alpha Co. and Bravo Co.

Many of the male cadets felt that the female cadets hindered their learning. But the majority of them felt that it was an experience that will help them later since women are now serving in the higher leadership positions.

The female cadets did much of what the male cadets did except for combat training. When the men were in combat training, the women were going from building to building.

One thing that was quite annoying was that the women were too protected. There were lights around the barracks so bright at night that the barracks looked lighted with lights out. All women either had to have an escort or go in a group.

In a sense it was really for the best since there were approximately 90 women and hundreds, maybe thousands, of men. I wish that was the ratio here at Western. A few more women might not be too bad.

Weekends were free most of the time unless inspections were bad. After every thing was cleared though, everyone was free to go.

If I had it to do all over again, I would take it more serious and try to do the extreme best that I could. But the first time was an experience that helped me view myself as I had never seen it. I realized I could do more than what I "thought" I could. Overall, Advanced Camp helped to review all material learned from Basic Camp and the Basic Course.
NOTES FROM THE PHS

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 ours 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 was perfectly expressed in an article "What it Takes to be No. 1" by one of the greatest leaders of men in the athletic world, Vince Lombardi.

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".

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE NO. 1
by
Vince Lombardi

YOU'VE GOT TO PAY THE PRICE

"Winning is not a sometime thing, it's an all-the-time-thing. You don't win once in a while, you don't do things right once in a while, you do them right all the time. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately, so is losing.

"There is no room for second place. There is only one place in my game and that is first place. I have finished second twice in my time at Green Bay and I don't ever want to finish second again. There is a second place bowl game, but it is a game for losers played by losers. It is and always has been an American seal to be first in anything we do and to win and to win and to win.

"Every time a player of any type goes out to ply his trade he's got to play from the ground up—from the soles of his feet right up to his head. Every inch of him has to play. Some guys play with their heads. That's OK. You've got to be smart to be No. 1 in any business. But more important, you've got to play with your heart with every fiber of your body. If you're lucky enough to find a guy with a lot of head and a lot of heart, he's never going to come off second.

"Running a team is no different from running any other kind of organization—an army, a political party, a business. The principles are the same. The object is to win—to beat the other guy. Maybe that sounds hard or cruel. I don't think it is.
"It's a reality of life that people are competitive and the most competitive games draw the most competitive people. That's why they're there—to compete. They know the rules and the objectives when they get in the game. The objective is to win fairly, squarely, decently, by the rules—but to win.

"And in truth, I've never known a person worth his salt who in the long run, deep down in his heart, didn't appreciate the grind and the discipline. There is something in good individuals that really yearns for, and needs, discipline and the harsh reality of head-to-head competition.

"I don't say these things because I believe in the "brute" nature of man or that people must be brutalized to be combative. I believe in God, and I believe in human decency. But I firmly believe that any man's finest hour—his greatest fulfillment—to all he holds dear—is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle—victorious".