In a superb collective and individual effort, this year's MS IV cadets returned from Riley Advanced Camp turning in what CPT men proudly calls, "the best performance ever for the 'kids from Notre Dame.'" Based on class averages computed for the cadets from each school, ND seniors finished 2nd of all 2ROTC Region Schools; 2nd of 74 Category II Schools (10 to 25 cadets); and 3rd of all 105 Category I and Category II schools. Our top cadet was Marilyn McAllister, who, on the TRADOC awards system, finished 10th among 2700+ cadets at camp.

To attain these final standings, Notre Dame's cadets had to demonstrate their proficiency in 6 areas: orienteering, military skills, job performance, peer ratings, tactical training exercises, and the Advanced Physical Fitness Test (APFT). Orienteering is a combination of map-reading and cross-country running in which cadets are required to find 10 points marked on a map in the least possible amount of time. Military skills consist of testing in 15 performance areas including First Aid, the M-16 rifle, and the handling of POW's. Job performance scores are given based on evaluations of the cadet's leadership ability. Peer ratings are an indication of how effective a cadet is seen to be by the other members of his or her own platoon.

Tactical Training Exercises (TAX) challenge the cadets ability to apply the knowledge he has attained at camp and through his ROTC training under simulated battlefield conditions. Finally, the APFT consists of 5 events designed to measure the cadet's physical fitness and endurance.

As a class, Notre Dame's cadets were above average in all six categories -- including APFT for the first time in recorded history! In addition, Notre Dame ranked FIRST of all the 112 schools represented at camp in Peer Ratings.

The members of the senior class are to be commended for a job well done. By combining the training they received here with what they were taught at camp, they acted as excellent representatives of Notre Dame's Army ROTC Department. We're very proud of them!

Now is is up to the juniors who will attend camp this summer to better the performance of the seniors. Go for it!
On behalf of the Notre Dame ROTC Department, I would like to welcome back all the old-timers and extend a special welcome to the freshman cadets. We're glad to add you to our "family" here.

We wish all of you a very successful year. Success is measured not solely in terms of grades or academic achievement; rather, success is also gauged by the amount an individual has been able to expand his horizons and deepen his involvement in everyday living.

You, as AROTC cadets, have a special advantage over the regular "Joe College" in this respect. Because of the variety of extra-curricular activities and organizations available via the ROTC program, you have the opportunity to become involved and expand your horizons in just that many more ways. And few, if any, other organizations on campus offer programs which instill discipline, pride, self-confidence, motivation, and leadership while at the same time being strong and active socially.

However, it is up to the individual to help himself to the fruits which are within his reach. Take advantage of these programs and organizations. Use them for your benefit. Get involved!

The coming few weeks will seem very hectic for all of us, especially the freshman. For some of you, the thought of being away from home and rooming with strange people may be extremely upsetting. The endless workload might get you down. But, before you decide to drink a quart of HCl at your next Chem Lab or rappel off the Memorial Library-without a rope-try to relax. Remember, you'll be here for four more years, so you might as well take it as it comes and enjoy it. If you have a problem and want to talk about it, feel free to come to any of the cadre or student officers. We pride ourselves on being a close-knit group, where everyone is not just a student ID number.

Good luck on a very successful semester!

--LTC Henry Gordon

As Cadet Battalion Commander, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you freshmen to the ROTC program. In case you don't already know, Notre Dame has one of the most outstanding ROTC programs in the nation. At Advanced Camp, our senior class finished 3rd of 105 schools - the best ND has ever done. In just three short years, you will be where we are now. I challenge you, as individuals and as a class, to develop your full potential that you may become successful officers. Emulate the good leadership traits of your cadet leaders, and learn from any mistakes that we may make.

If you do not learn anything else this year, learn how to pay attention to detail. This is what makes a good officer. Attention to detail is evident not only in the knowledge one has and the way one performs his or her duties, but it is also very evident in one's outward appearance.

My senior staff and I expect two things of you as Freshman Cadets. You are expected to learn the basic military skills necessary to become a good officer. And, secondly, you must learn how to wear your uniform properly.

Feel free at any time throughout this year to come to me, my Senior Staff, or Junior NCO's if you have any questions, problems (military, academic, financial or otherwise), or ideas on how to improve the ROTC program.

I wish each Cadet of the Class of 1983 the best of luck.

--C/LTC Marilyn McAllister

CONGRATULATIONS to CAPTAIN Robert Clemens on his upcoming promotion!

DID YOU KNOW?

Scholarships worth over $5,000 per year are available on a competitive basis.

Instruction in Leadership Techniques and Management Skills is our specialty.

DID YOU KNOW?

Army ROTC may be taken in lieu of the University Physical Education Requirement.

There is no obligation for military service incurred by the first two years of ROTC.
This column reads a lot like the chicken or the egg paradox. Which comes first...the ROTC Leadership Preparation...or the Leader who has also sought out ROTC Leadership training to further develop his or her skills. Regardless of the starting point, and it's undoubtedly a mix, the leadership credentials of our cadets are truly impressive. We polled the new Juniors and Seniors, and this is what we found.

Among this year's Seniors we have all kinds of success stories, only a few of which are listed here. Ellen Dorney will serve as Chairperson of the Hall President's Council (A bi99ie, gang!); Mike Tochy will serve as president of Cavanaugh Hall; Bruce Liebert is running for University Social Chairman; and various others are holding offices in both Hall and University politics. Outside those smoke-filled rooms, Lisa Chavez will return to the Varsity Cheerleaders; Rich Ward will coach Stanford's interhall football team; Mike Price will serve as Zam's Sports Advisor; and Tom Luethkehans will continue with Varsity Soccer. Perhaps less athletic and more intellectually inclined, Mike Walsh will serve on the Scholastic staff and Steve Dyer will be president of the Japan Club next fall. Steve Dyer and Burroughs will also serve as Resident A. Isors in Zam and Howard respectively...a real competitive honor for both. Alas, two Juniors in ROTC won't make it to be Seniors! Fortunately there's a happy ending to that story...Bill Caniano has completed his Master's thesis in History and was commissioned at Advanced Camp and Tim Martin was admitted early to Medical School and was commissioned after he completed Airborne Training!

The class behind is no loser either folks! Next year's Juniors include leaders in every sense. Kudos to Marc Murphy, Off-Campus Candidate for Student Body President; John Kusan, Co-Captain of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Kevin Lovejoy, Vice-President of the Junior Class and VIP on the Varsity Soccer Team; Bob Blesch, our WSND DJ and member of the Junior Advisory Council; Chris Kress, Secretary to the Director of the University Bands and Morrissey Social Commissioner; Steve Burgoon, Social Commissioner for Zam and Soccer Star!; Jeff Whitten, Head Student Athletic Trainer; Chris Leonard, Varsity Swimmer; Joe Loehle, member of the Junior Advisory Council; Debbie Kirkland, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF EL SUPREMO of the SHAMROCK!...and the list goes on and on.

The idea behind this article is to give some recognition to those who are leaders in the Student Community as well as in ROTC, and at the same time to point out where all that ROTC Leadership training seems to go...up, up, away!

---Debbie Kirkland, Editor

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---Debbie Kirkland, Editor

DID YOU KNOW?

Army ROTC provides a close-knit social organization for its students, sponsoring both social and extra-curricular activities throughout the year. Join the Sorin Cadet Club, The Irish Rangers, The Irish Marauder Drill Team, the Irish Rifles Competitive Rifle Team, the SHAMROCK Cadet Newsletter Staff, or the Army ROTC Basketball Team (1979 Inter-Hall Champions).
While many of us undoubtedly spent a good part of the summer sleeping in late and soaking up the rays, a few adventurous cadets and one fearless captain decided to spice up their summertime by going Airborne or Air Assault.

Seven cadets were selected to be Notre Dame's most recent trainees at Fort Benning's Airborne School. Attending the Airborne training this summer were: Jack Foley, Tim Martin, Rich Ward, Tim O'Brien, Mike Sigler, Maureen Fitzgerald and John Cannon. These seven cadets participated in a rigorous three-week training session, highlighted by five jumps from various aircraft. At successful completion of the final jump, they were awarded the coveted Airborne Wings.

Notre Dame also sent two cadets and one officer to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for Air Assault training with the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division. To earn their badges, John Plunkett, Kelly Wheaton and Captain Robert Clemens had to make numerous helicopter rappels as well as a ten-mile forced march.

Captain Clemens explains, "Both courses offer challenging training for the well-motivated and physically fit cadet." (and officer too -- right sir!?)

If you're interested in future Airborne or Air Assault training, be sure to contact Captain Clemens and make your intentions known.

Congratulations to all!

DID YOU KNOW?

All Second Lieutenants may delay their military service to attend full-time graduate school, and may supplement their income with reserve pay while studying.

The "RUN FOR YOUR LIFE," and "SWIM FOR YOUR LIFE" Programs will be offered again by AROTC. It's an opportunity for developing and maintaining physical fitness while earning ND certificates for the mileage completed in either of the programs.

To sign up, drop by AROTC and see CPT Clemens or MSG Ordaz, or call 6264/5.

WHAT DO ROTC LIEUTENANTS DO WHEN THEY GRADUATE?

Let's look at the Class of 1979:

FIVE chose to attend law schools.
FOUR will attend medical schools.
THREE will attend dental schools.
SIX chose Reserve or National Guard Duty (Including two MBA Graduates)
THIRTY-THREE chose active duty in the various branches of the Army Officer Corps. (Including two who won full Army Fellowships for later Graduate Schooling.)

THE BOTTOM LINE:

If you have even the slightest inclination to serve your country as an Army Officer, either in the Reserves or on Active Duty, consider joining Army ROTC as a way of keeping your options open. You can always drop out before your Junior year, but joining after your Freshman year is more difficult.

"THE EVOLUTION OF A CADET"