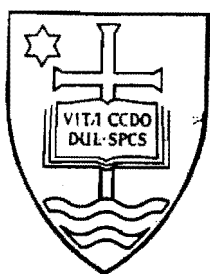
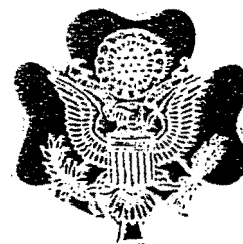


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## Ranger Challenge Team Brings Home Gold

"Let the enemy come 'til he's close enough to touch. Then let him have it and jump out and finish him off with your hatchet."

It seems as if the Irish Ranger Challenge Team took this, the 19th standing order of Roger's Rangers, to heart as they entered state competition on October 28. The team brought home first place in the face of stiff competition from Indiana University, Ball State University and other Indiana schools. The young team is guided by the experience of only two seniors, OIC Jay Rooney and Mike Stefanchik. Representing the MSIII class are Joe Brenner, Scott Jackson, Kevin McKay, and Dan Soller. Underclassmen on the young team include MSII's John Dever, Kelly Leonard, Ron Shashy and Dave Wallace. Rounding out the team are freshmen Derrick Bartlett, Mike Cunningham and Greg Hendry.

Good training and a strong desire to excel are the two components which lead to a good soldier. The Ranger Challenge team is fortunate enough to have both of these essential attributes. Excellent training was provided

by Army cadre CPT Ryan and MSG Price. Intensive training began on August 29 and continued until the day before the competition. Training consisted of a tryout atmosphere of intense physical training each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 0600. In addition, the team met every Monday and Wednesday afternoon to learn and master competition events. Although this was a large commitment of time and effort, the team was always motivated and ready to learn, as evidenced by their ultimate victory.

The state competition conducted at Camp Atterbury consisted of eight events: APFT, Orienteering, Marksmanship, Hand Grenade Throw, Rope Bridging, Weapons Assembly, Combat Patrol and 10k Road March. These events, difficult in their own right, were even more difficult due to their immediate succession. The competition began at 0430 on Saturday with the APFT. Much to the elation of the hard core Rangers, the APFT was taken outside on the frosty ground in thirty degree weather. After smoking the APFT with a

mean score of 286 the Rangers moved on to the orienteering event. This is a timed event in which the Rangers are given a map with points on it indicating flags which they must find. This difficult event requires both endurance and accuracy. As the morning progressed the Rangers found themselves at the firing range. After zeroing the weapons they engaged multiple targets under three to five second time constraints. This controlled testing continued onto the grenade assault course. While negotiating wire obstacles, three targets were engaged with proper grenade-throwing technique.

Only halfway through the competition, the Irish Rangers had established themselves as one of the top contenders, with their best event, rope bridging, still to come. Two scarred trees behind the ROTC building bear testament to the many hours of practice that went into perfecting the team's rope bridging technique. In the head-to-head competition with Indiana University the Irish

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# The Colonel's Corner

It doesn't seem like Freshman Orientation was so long ago - but we've sure gotten a lot done, even with seven home games and a lot of rainy weekends. There are plenty of "Attaboys/Attagirls!" to pass around (somehow the construction "Attaperson!" doesn't quite make it), but I think the biggest of those is for the 12 November CPR Certification/ Land Navigation/ M-16 Marksmanship Training Day. When you stop to think that more than 200 of you, in three separate groups, completed three totally different sets of training objectives without either getting lost or running overtime, you may get a feel for how much of an accomplishment that was. Add to it the fact that the MSIV chain of command planned for and supervised the whole show, and it becomes even more significant. That would not have happened last year, or the years before. All of you can pat yourselves on the back for contributing to the day's success.

Ranger Challenge was, of course, the competition success story of the semester - just as much for the way the team won, as for the fact that they won. Instead of a cadre-designated team, this year's Ranger Challenge squad was composed of volunteers who truly represented the Fightin' Irish Battalion. Would you believe freshmen on the team? And a GIRL!! Well, the rest of Indiana believes it now. And our competition was almost equally surprised to see the

number of you who volunteered to sleep out in the Camp Atterbury cold and be serenaded by the wild dogs and turkeys in order to help out and cheer on the team. The next step is the region Ranger Challenge on 18-19 March, held at Fort Knox. With the help of Notre Dame's strength and conditioning coaches, the team is staying "pumped up" for the big one.

The Rifle and Drill Teams have been equally busy preparing and competing. For the first time in two years, the Rifle Team travelled to a shoot. In an intense head-to-head competition at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Sorin Rifles finished in second place and so re-entered the field of competitive shooting. With an increased practice schedule set for next semester and further competitions planned, the team is headed for a very successful year. At the same time the Drill Team, after a lot of hard work and concentration, is well on the way to bringing what ought to be billed as "the world's largest

trophy" - the Neil Armstrong Drill Competition Trophy - back for a second year. The Irish Marauders are also planning to compete at Purdue and Penn State, so their schedule will also be a full one. As will the trophy case.

Those of you who weren't able to hear Lieutenant General Kelly's talk on 18 November really missed something. His recap of the world situation was the best and most "on target" I've ever heard - but what else would you expect from the Chief Operations Officer for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff? His words about the importance of integrity, dedication and service rang equally true. We will try to get him back again to talk.

Still to come, of course, is the Fifth Annual Fightin' Irish Battalion Dining-In. This year we are going for the gold. Our guest speaker will be Brigadier General Pat Brady, the Chief of Army Public Affairs. As a major

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| <i>- Good luck on final exams</i>             | <i>- GO IRISH</i>          |
| <i>- Have a safe and joyous Holiday break</i> | <i>- BEAT MOUNTAINEERS</i> |

# Dining-In Finishes Off A Successful Semester

On December 8th, the Fightin' Irish Battalion will come together as a unit at the South Bend Marriott to celebrate a traditional dinner known as the Dining-In. Those of us who have attended this event in past years realize that it is truly one of the highlights on each year's social agenda.

This year's Dining-In will feature guest speaker Brigadier General Patrick Brady. In addition, other members of the battalion will also display their talents in the form of the traditional company skits as well as the ceremonious filling of the dreaded "Grog" Bowl by the MS IV's.

The Grog bowl in past years has featured simply delightful ingredients such as cottage cheese, molasses, and raw eggs. It will be a challenge for the MS IV's to think of new culinary delights to tantalize the delicate palates of the battalion and its guests this year. However, the MS IV's are connoisseurs of quality Grog due to three years of experience. Consequently, this year's bowl promises to be a masterpiece.

The Dining-In became a traditional social event in the U.S. Army prior to World War I. Initially, the customs established by European armies, who had been holding Dining-Ins since the early 1800's, were generally followed.

Since then, each unit has developed its own customs with the basic idea of promoting the ceremony, tradition and good fellowship which are important to an Army officer.

Certain rules of the mess (which will not be mentioned here to preserve the element of surprise) have been instituted over the past five years here at Notre Dame. Be forewarned that these rules must be obeyed to the letter. Failure to do so will certainly result in a trip to the bowl (sorry, not the Fiesta) as ordered by the just and omnipotent enforcer of the rules, Mr. Vice.

Each year a privileged MSIV of only the highest integrity and moral fiber is chosen to hear the challenges concerning alleged violators of the rules of the mess. The final verdict in each challenge is proclaimed by Mr. Vice alone, and the appropriate punishment is bestowed upon the guilty individual in each case.

This may sound like a pretty grim proceeding, but in actuality the challenges are all made in a spirit of good humor.

The primary purpose of the Dining-In is to promote cordiality, camaraderie, and esprit de corps. The Fighting Irish Battalion excels in each of these areas already. Therefore, the Battalion Dining-In promises to put the finishing touch on a very successful semester.

- C/CPT Joseph Wilde

## Hang Tough Fightin' Irish!

You have almost completed your first semester of training within the new Fightin' Irish Battalion structure. By the end of the semester everyone will be reassigned to a different company, and will be presented with the opportunity to excel in yet another area of military skills.

With so little time left this semester, push yourself and your body for a strong finish. The final event of the semester will be the Battalion Dining-In. It will take place at the downtown Marriott on 8 December.

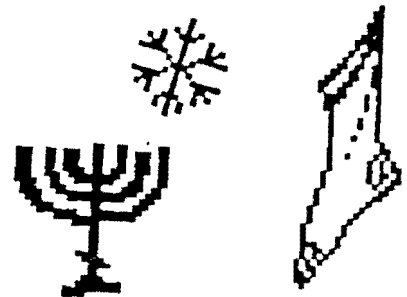
All cadets will attend and enjoy this evening of fine dining and inside humor. An excellent guest speaker is also featured in the evening's program. In addition, each of you will doubtless enjoy grog, cigars and the obnoxious skits.

Until then, don't quit. Drive on until 8 December.

We have many missions to accomplish next semester, and I'm confident it will all happen if we improve upon the standards we've been slowly establishing.

Most of you, whether NCO's or squad members, have done a good job. You will be rewarded.

- C/LTC Robin Squyres



## Alpha Shines On

Well, Alpha's first semester is almost over. We have learned much in our time together, from drill without weapons to drill with weapons, color guards, and even a little exhibition. Our labs have been productive, as have our company P.T. sessions. You have grown as a group and, I think, as individuals behind the leadership and example of such outstanding individuals as platoon sergeants Tim "Poindexter" Brooks, Cindy "Mad Dog" Bates, and Chuck "Blood and Guts" McCloskey. The rest of the NCO staff in the company has also grown over the course of the semester, and they have gained confidence in their own teaching and command ability. We also owe a big round of applause to our MS IV's, who have been so patient and have tried so hard to make sure we got it right.

We have had some good times together: the Alpha "mission" before Penn State, C/CSM Jackson and the boilermakers, the Company song ("We're Captain Kondrad's soldiers..."), and others too numerous to note here. Remember the fun, but also try to remember some of the material we have tried to teach you this semester. I personally have enjoyed working with every one of you, and I hope you have enjoyed it as well. Keep the faith, and remember, gullible is NOT in the dictionary.

- C/ISG Chris "H.M." Govekar

## Bravo Completes A Busy Semester

This semester is quickly coming to an end. Finals are just around the corner. The freshmen are well over the first month "jitters" and things are really starting to shape up. It's nice to see everyone wearing uniforms properly and showing up on time.

Many cadets in the battalion have asked me, "What exactly does Bravo Company do?" This semester, Bravo has conducted a variety of training. Although our main concentration is on weapons, we have also had a little taste of D&C. We fired .22 cal. marksmanship rifles and we also learned how to zero M-16's (using .22 cal ammunition). We have been introduced to various weapons, threat and friendly. For one lab, the Indiana National Guard sup-

plied M203 grenade launchers, a .50 cal. machine gun, and a TOW. An M-16 live-fire exercise was also scheduled for Bravo this semester.

Bravo Company, as well as its commander, C/CPT Mike Stefanichik, thoroughly enjoyed the battalion aerobics. In fact, Bravo even supplied the aerobics instructor, C/CPL Keir Skloss.

Study hard for finals and enjoy yourselves over the long Christmas Break. Keep up the good work and I expect to see every one of your smiling ( yes you, Stokes!), highly motivated faces in January... so remember, "If you drink, don't drive; if you drive, don't drink!"

- C/ISG Cary Ferguson

## An Early Inspection



A member of the Color Guard trades war stories with a student at Le Mans Military Academy, while C/1LT Jeff Torres prepares a white glove inspection.

## Ranger Company : Grace Under Pressure

The inclement weather of the past few weeks has forced Charlie Company to cancel the Patrolling FTX and adjust training to use the remaining labs effectively. Recent TAX lanes provided cadets with the opportunity to organize, plan and lead a small unit patrol. These short but stress oriented exercises, each taking no more than half an hour, tested a cadet's ability to issue orders quickly and complete a mission under tactical conditions. Charlie cadets enjoyed the training as was apparent from their enthusiasm and leadership.

Bracketing the Thanksgiving leave was a pair of labs that dealt with the meat and potatoes of Camp's Adventure Challenge; the platoon sized combat patrol. Practical hands-on leadership experience was the focus of these operations as cadets had the chance to execute platoon level raid and ambush patrols. A

word of warning to juniors: pay close attention to the instruction you are receiving. Perhaps more important than the tactical knowledge is that you are obtaining critical experience of leadership under fire. The confidence gained through stress-oriented field exercises will carry over into garrison as well.

We have spent long and tough hours training this semester. Be sure to take full advantage of this deserved break. Christmas is a joyous season to be shared with family and friends. Be safety conscious throughout your celebrations and give up the car keys (when you have reached your limit). Remember that you represent Notre Dame, this battalion and Charlie Company.

Drink milk, eat your vegetables, say your prayers and be all you can be.

- C/CPT Charles C. Wehnes
- C/1LT Daniel R. Schneider



Members of the Fighting Irish Marauders prepare for second semester drill competition in the North Dome of the JACC.

## IRISH

### MARAUDERS

The Irish Marauder Drill Team is off to another successful year. Due to the new battalion structure, the Marauders' staff has been streamlined, but training hasn't suffered a bit. Under the direction of myself, C/1LT Ken Marty and C/1SG Chris Govekar, the Marauders have improved dramatically since August. Starting as an assortment of individuals, the Marauders have been molded into a cohesive precision drill team prepared for next semester's competitions and exhibitions at universities across the country.

Semester highlights include numerous color guards (under the direction of C/SFC Kevin Gopon), several trips to LeMans Military Academy for inspections and a platoon exhibition, and numerous social calls. One area the Marauders have not been terribly successful in is in the area of fundraising. Our football concession proved to be a money losing venture, but we have been working at the JACC to raise some money to offset next semester's travel expenses.

Next semester promises to be an exciting one with many drill competitions to choose from. Possible drill competition sites include the Universities of Illinois and Indiana along with Penn State and Bowling Green Universities. We will certainly be found at Purdue University defending our first place trophy which is on display in the cadet lounge.

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# Heroes of the Supply Room

Since the departure of Fightin' Irish Battalion supply sergeant SFC Joe Lucas, whose supply room was once named Best Supply in TRADOC, the cadre and battalion staff have been anxiously awaiting someone to fill the shoes which issue our shoes. Equipment, and someone to manage it full time, are necessities if the battalion is to continue providing the best training for Army ROTC cadets in the Second Region.

Throughout the semester, the supply room has been run by CPT

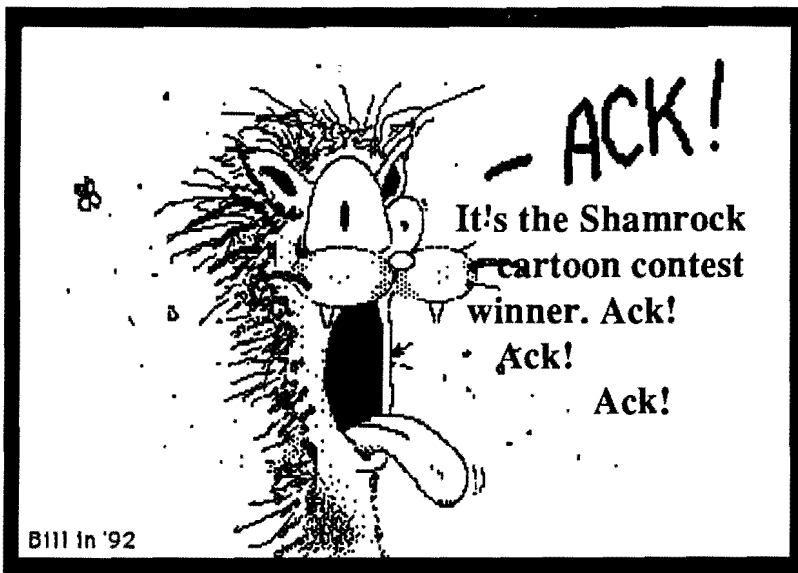
Barry A. Cave, Assistant Professor of Military Science, assisted by C/CPT Andrew Vogt and C/CSM Scott Jackson. The three gentlemen have done a superb job of getting necessary equipment out to the three companies, and secured back into place by the end of the training period. They carry on these duties in addition to heavy work loads, both academic and ROTC.

While CPT Cave is Supply Officer, and C/CPT Vogt's position as battalion S4 makes him responsible for supply and logis-

tics, the positions are designed to work with a full-time supply sergeant. C/CSM Jackson has worked closely with supply and SFC Lucas since his freshman year, and is considered a welcome member of this hopefully temporary team.

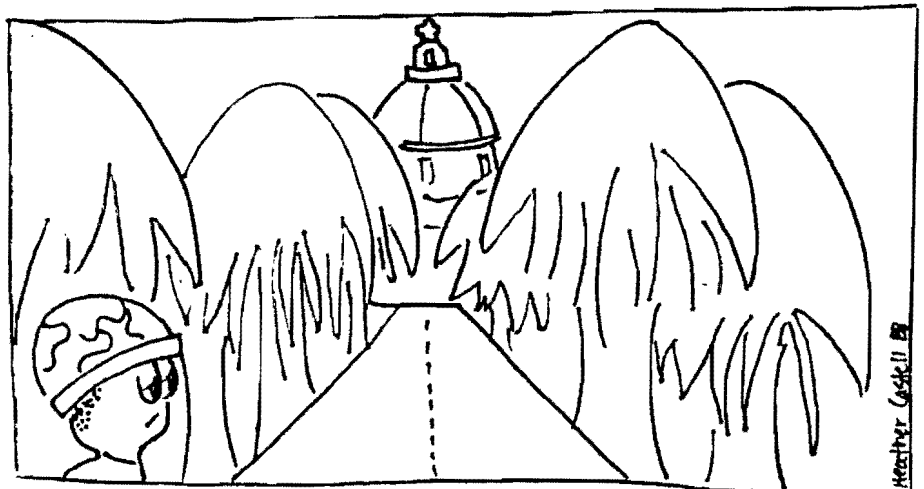
According to CPT Cave, the battalion does not know when a new supply sergeant will be assigned to Notre Dame. "Things are running smoothly while we're waiting for a new supply sergeant," he said.

C/PV2 Patrick Marty

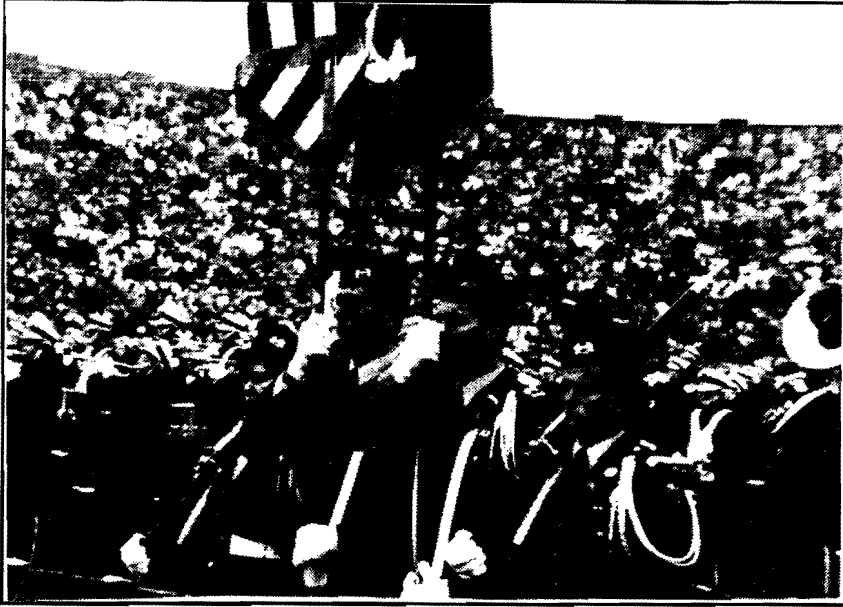


Many thanks to all those who participated in the Shamrock Cartoon Contest! After careful deliberation, the following cartoons on the next few pages have been selected to appear in this issue! Thanks again ... Ack! Ack! Ack!

The cadet knew that even without his compass, if he kept marching onward toward that prominent landmark, he would no longer be lost and he would once again reach safety.



## Color Guard Represents Battalion



Members of the Irish Marauder Drill Team present the colors at the Penn State football game on November 20th.

## **New Faces In The Office**

Enrollment secretary Madelyn Bernauer and SSG Keith Ragsdale have recently joined the administrative staff of the Fightin' Irish Battalion.

Bernauer, whose duties include assisting with enrollment and working with administrative secretary Joan Golubski, began working here in early September.

"I love it. It's busy and I enjoy working around students," she said.

A native of Culver, Indiana, she lives here now but attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and spent over twenty years in Cleveland teaching. She taught elementary school, reading and library skills at the junior high and high school level, and English as a second language at Indiana University at Fort Wayne. Bernauer's late husband served in the Army as an entertainer during WW II, and she presently has two stepdaughters living in Europe. Her plans are to continue working in the Army ROTC office until retirement.

SSG Ragsdale, the administrative NCO, arrived at Notre Dame in early November. Originally from Hamilton, Ohio, near Cleveland, Ragsdale requested an assignment in Indiana. He said he thought he would most likely be transferred to Ft. Benjamin Harrison and was surprised to get the ROTC assignment.

"I think it's great so far," he said. "ROTC is different from the rest of the Army. It seems like everything is done differently, but that's a challenge."

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## **Army Public Affairs Chief To Speak At Dining- In**

The guest of honor and speaker for the fifth annual Fightin' Irish Army ROTC Battalion Dining-In, to be held at the South Bend Marriott Inn on Thursday, 8 December, is Brigadier General Patrick Henry Brady. General Brady is Chief of Army Public Affairs, a "Domer" (MBA-1972), and a recipient of the nation's highest award for his actions as commander of a MEDEVAC ambulance helicopter near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam on 6 January 1968. The medal was awarded "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty." To provide some insight into what those words mean, General Brady's citation is quoted below.

"While serving in the Republic of Vietnam commanding a UH-1H ambulance helicopter, [then-Major] Brady volunteered to rescue wounded men from a site

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# What I Have Always Wanted To Put In The Grog Bowl

Only an elite few members of the Fightin' Irish Battalion ever get to add their personal ingredients to the infamous Grog bowl at the battalion Dining-In. So, the following is a wish list of ingredients compiled from Grog bowl "wanna-be's". However, don't laugh too hard because one day some of these dreams may turn into reality.

- \* "Hair clippings, sweat sock sweat, brake free, brasso, and shoe polish" -Tim Brooks
- \* "Mud from Juday Creek" -Hazel Joseph
- \* "Methyline blue, mud, ex-lax, and castor oil" - Chris Govecar
- \* "A Ranger Handbook" - Cindy Bates
- \* "Mark Szkudlarek socks after morning PT"- Steve Boettinger
- \* "Sawdust from the pits at Airborne school" -Paul Murphy
- \* "Sausage gravy they put over bisquits for breakfast at Airborne school." -Kevin Gopon
- \* "CPT Chuck Wehnes' staff of wisdom" - Michelle Mason



COMMON ROTC WARNING SIGNS Heather Castell '88

## Sorin Rifles Back In Competition

The rifle team is back on track. This semester the team is larger than it has ever been.

In addition to marksmanship, the rifle team has been involved in other activities. We started out the year with a fund raiser (I promise - NO MORE M&M's) This allowed the team to travel to "beer country" (the state of Wisconsin) to participate in a meet. Our competition was the Wisconsin State Champion Rifle Team. The team performed well and had a fantastic time.

Plans for next semester are in the workings. Hopefully, we will go South next time! Have a great break guys and don't party too much.

- C/ILT Kelly McGinley

## Introducing: ND and ROTC

Over midsemester break I had an opportunity to do more than just lie around and watch TV. On the third day of break I returned to my high school for college night where I represented Army ROTC and the University of Notre Dame.

College night proved to be valuable and fun. During three information sessions I assisted MAJ Jones, a US Army representative, in answering questions parents and students had about Army ROTC. Many of the seniors whom I had known just last year seemed impressed that one of their classmates is now enrolled in Army ROTC at Notre Dame and expressed interest in joining the program. Many of my fellow cadets also told of the respect they received when they appeared in their uniforms as

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# Cadets Balance Athletics And ROTC

If you've ever noticed that some cadets often miss morning PT or lab, don't assume they're slacking off. They might be working harder than you think. They could be one of the twelve Army ROTC cadets who are also varsity athletes, students who must balance the responsibilities of ROTC, sports and academics in their lives.

"I wish I could go to everything in both activities, but that's just impossible. There's only 24 hours in a day," said MS I Steve Hanson, a varsity swimmer.

Members of the swim team practice eight to ten times a week, mornings and afternoons. They are excused from morning PT but attend Thursday afternoon labs unless a swim meet is at the same time. Other varsity swimmers in ROTC include MS I Jacquelynn Jones, MS II's Gina Mahony and Becky Wood, and MS III Mark Lowney.

"Obviously, if you're on a varsity sport and in ROTC, you get a little tired," said Mahony. "It's difficult to compromise, but both are important activities."

MS IV Todd Griffie, a member of the varsity fencing team, said that he also has trouble balancing all his activities. "It's difficult to do because you just totally burn out. You have to do so many different things," he said. Griffie was captain of the fencing team last year, and made first team All-American.

Members of the fencing team in ROTC are required to attend morning PT but occasion-

ally miss labs for practice or meets. MS I's Tara Kelly and Mike Trisko are also on the team.

The other varsity athletes in ROTC are MS IV James Berger, baseball; football players Mike Denisoff, MS IV, and Trevor Moriarty, MS I; and MS III Dan Lyons, a soccer player.

Unlike many of the other varsity athletes, Kelly, a fencer, said she has few problems with her busy schedule. "There's no problem whatsoever. I don't know how it all works out but it usually does," she said.

Kelly says her tight schedule has actually helped her grades because she must budget her time better. "The more you cram for time, the more you have to be organized," she said.

Hanson also says being in so many activities helps his grades. "I don't think it's hurt at all. If it does anything it helps me because I've got myself on a

stricter schedule," he said. Still, Hanson said he will probably swim just one more year because junior year is so busy for ROTC. "I will swim to the point when both ROTC and swimming start to suffer," he said.

Mahony said she plans to swim all four years, and is worried about her junior year. "It's kind of frustrating. You need to know what you're talking about next year," she said.

At the same time, she believes that being on the swim team and in ROTC will make her "a more well-rounded person."

"I believe that in the years ahead I'll be able to handle any stress that comes my way," she said.

Griffie, too, has no regrets about being a varsity athlete in ROTC. "I don't think I'd do it any different. Everything ties in well together," he said.

- C/PVT Laura Gritz

## Ceremony Commemorates Veteran's Day



Members of all three ROTC services commemorated Veteran's Day by retiring the colors at the South Quad Flagpole on Nov. 11.

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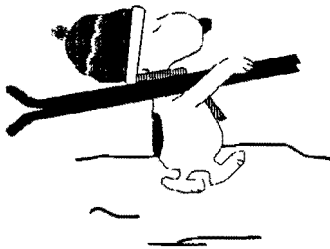
representatives of Notre Dame Army ROTC.

The students and their parents seemed concerned with what cadet life was like. Through answering their questions I helped put aside their worries of a strict academy-like atmosphere. I explained how the cadre and upperclassmen assist underclassmen rather than harrass them. Many parents were impressed when I told them of Corby Honor Society and Army ROTC's position that academics come first and are most important.

Speaking to the high school students yielded unique rewards. It was a chance to show what Notre Dame and Army ROTC has done for me while encouraging friends to join in the challenge. It was an opportunity to reflect on how much I have grown and developed since leaving high school.

I would like to encourage any of the MS I's who haven't spoken at their high schools to go back over Christmas break and talk about Notre Dame Army ROTC. You will come away knowing you have helped our program and feeling that you have changed a great deal during these first few months of school.

- C/PVT Michael Cunningham



# RANGER CHALLENGE

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Rangers dominated the event, crossing eight team members over an obstacle in a scant three minutes and seven seconds. Similar times were seen at the weapons assembly station. The Rangers were required to run fifty meters to where a pile of jumbled metal lay on a board. Under the practiced hands of the Irish Rangers these piles soon became a fully functional M-16 rifle and M-60 machine gun. Weapons company commander, Mike Stefanchik, finished the weapons assembly in a record two minutes and thirtyseven seconds.

As the day wore on and Ranger eyes began to glow, the Irish Rangers prepared for their combat patrol. After conducting the required coordination, OIC Jay Rooney led the patrol to the ambush sight where they lit up the enemy on their way to a successful mission. Tired but deter-

mined, the Rangers prepared for the most grueling event, the 10k run with weapon and rucksack. The Irish Rangers, with all members and equipment accounted for, completed the run in a little over an hour, finishing second. This effort gave the Irish first place overall in the competition. All of the time and effort of the team, cadre and OPFOR had paid off as the Irish Rangers captured the first place trophy for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Battalion.

The Irish Rangers have already begun working out three days a week for the regional competition which will be held in late March. Hopefully, with the team's continued effort and support of the cadre and the entire battalion, the Irish Rangers will once again lead the way.

- C/CPL John Dever



Ranger Challenge team members pose with their hard earned trophies. Congratulations to all twelve members on a job well done.

# SILVER WINGS

Do you, the motivated cadet which you are, want to join the elite group that call themselves paratroopers? If so, read on. If not, read on anyway and you might find yourself wanting to release yourself from the rueful life of a "DIRTY, NASTY, LEG" (said in a low tone, with your head lowered).

I could tell you about the six week selection/training period that you will have to complete before even being considered for one of the coveted slots. These sessions include PT, PT, and more PT, motivation for all you "legitis"-type individuals who might think about dropping out (how's coffee and doughnuts sound?). The attention is comparable, if not more intense, to that of Ft. Benning.

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***There is only one thing that's going to earn you those SILVER WINGS and that is how badly you want it.***

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I could tell you about Ground and Tower Weeks, two fun filled weeks which you, the Airborne student, will have to endure before even getting to touch a live chute. Weeks that include PLF's, sawdust, sawdust, and more sawdust, the 34-foot

tower, push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups, flutter kicks (you'll learn to love this exercise), and more PT including 3-5 mile 0600 runs, the slam dunk, more PLF's and sawdust, more PT, Ungawa, and Burger King and Nice Mr. Sgt. Airborne who hates everything, especially cadets.

Hey Airborne, there's only one thing that's going to determine whether or not you will make it to Jump Week, chute-up, stand in McCarthy Hall (where all previous paratroopers have stood) receive your Jumpmaster's briefing, load up into a C-130 Hercules or a C-141 Starlifter, receive the nine jump commands, exit Sgt. Airborne's aircraft with a tight body-position, and execute a dynamite Parachute Landing Fall five times. There is only one thing that's going to earn you those SILVER WINGS and that is how badly you want it.

Of course, there are many more aspects of Jump School not discussed in this article. There is only enough space to give you a taste of what "it's like." Start getting in shape (at least 240 on the APRT and be able to do at least 8 pullups). Finally, look for the cadet with that distinctive badge of elitiness on his or her chest and ask him or her your own questions. They each have their own stories and experiences, but they all have those SILVER WINGS in common.

**DRIVE ON, AIRBORNE!!**

- C/SFC Michael H. Park

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The benefits of drill team go beyond the travel, fun and excitement. Not only are you far ahead of your peers in personal appearance and military bearing, but by the end of the year, you will have mastered the basics of drill and ceremonies which will come in handy at Advanced Camp. By practicing a few hours a week, working at various fundraisers, participating in color guards, and spending time together at social calls, the Marauders have developed an impressive 'esprit de corps' which will prove beneficial as we take to the drill floor next semester. Good luck Marauders!

- C/1LT Jeff Torres

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SSG Ragsdale enlisted in the Army six years ago and has been previously assigned to Kitzengen, Germany; Turkey; and Ft. Ord, California.

He said he originally joined the Army to earn money for college, but then got married and decided to stay in. He said he will probably be a career enlisted soldier and that his long-term goal is to obtain bachelor's and master's degrees.

SSG Ragsdale and his wife Priscilla have been married for almost four years and have a three-year old son, Alan. The family plans to reside in Mishawaka.

- C/PVT Laura Gritz

# Colonel

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and Army aviator in the Medical Service Corps in Vietnam, BG Brady was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry as a MEDEVAC pilot. I know that you'll each enjoy meeting this authentic hero. To top it all off, he is also a veteran of Notre Dame. Five years after his service in Vietnam, BG Brady received a Notre Dame MBA.

One more personality whom most of you have met by now is even more important to us. Staff Sergeant Keith Ragsdale joined the battalion in November. He has already been a tremendous asset, and we welcome him.

When you come back to campus after that long semester break, there's a lot more program

to get on with. Transitions will be the first order of business, as C/CSM Scott Jackson turns over-direction of the battalion's activities for the spring semester to C/CSM Joey Brenner. To Scott, congratulations and thanks for a job well done this semester; now it's time to concentrate on Camp preparation and Ranger Challenge. To Joey, congratulations and welcome to the battalion staff. We're looking forward to good things from you. Transitions will continue as each of you will shift to another of the three companies to broaden the training you've already received. All of you will have to put your squad teams together quickly, because the semester has a lot in store: the Spring FTX (hopefully this year the word "Spring" won't be a euphemism for "Arctic"), the Dixon Cup Squad Challenge, Junior Parents Weekend, the Tri-

Mil Ball, the Army Ball, the Basketball (Team), Ranger/Rifle/Drill Team competitions, lots of MS III Advanced Camp preparation, the President's Tri-Mil Review, final exams, the Dean's List, and Commissioning. And while you're doing all this, remember - just like you've remembered this semester - that every one of you is a vitally important part of the whole team; and if you remember and play that way, the team is a vitally important part of every one of you. Kipling may have said it best in "The Law of the Jungle":

*For the pack is the strength of the wolf.*

*And the wolf is the strength of the pack.*

Thanks for a great effort this semester. Good luck on finals, and enjoy the Holidays and the break. You've earned it.

LTC Douglass Hemphill

# **Brady**

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Vietnamese soldiers. He was then called to another area completely covered by dense fog where American casualties lay only fifty meters from the enemy. Two aircraft had previously been shot down and others had made unsuccessful attempts to reach this site earlier in the day. With unmatched skill and extraordinary courage, MAJ Brady made four flights to this embarrased landing zone and successfully rescued all the wounded. On his third mission of the day MAJ Brady once again landed at a site surrounded by the enemy. The

friendly ground force, pinned down by enemy fire, had been unable to reach and secure the landing zone. Although his aircraft had been badly damaged

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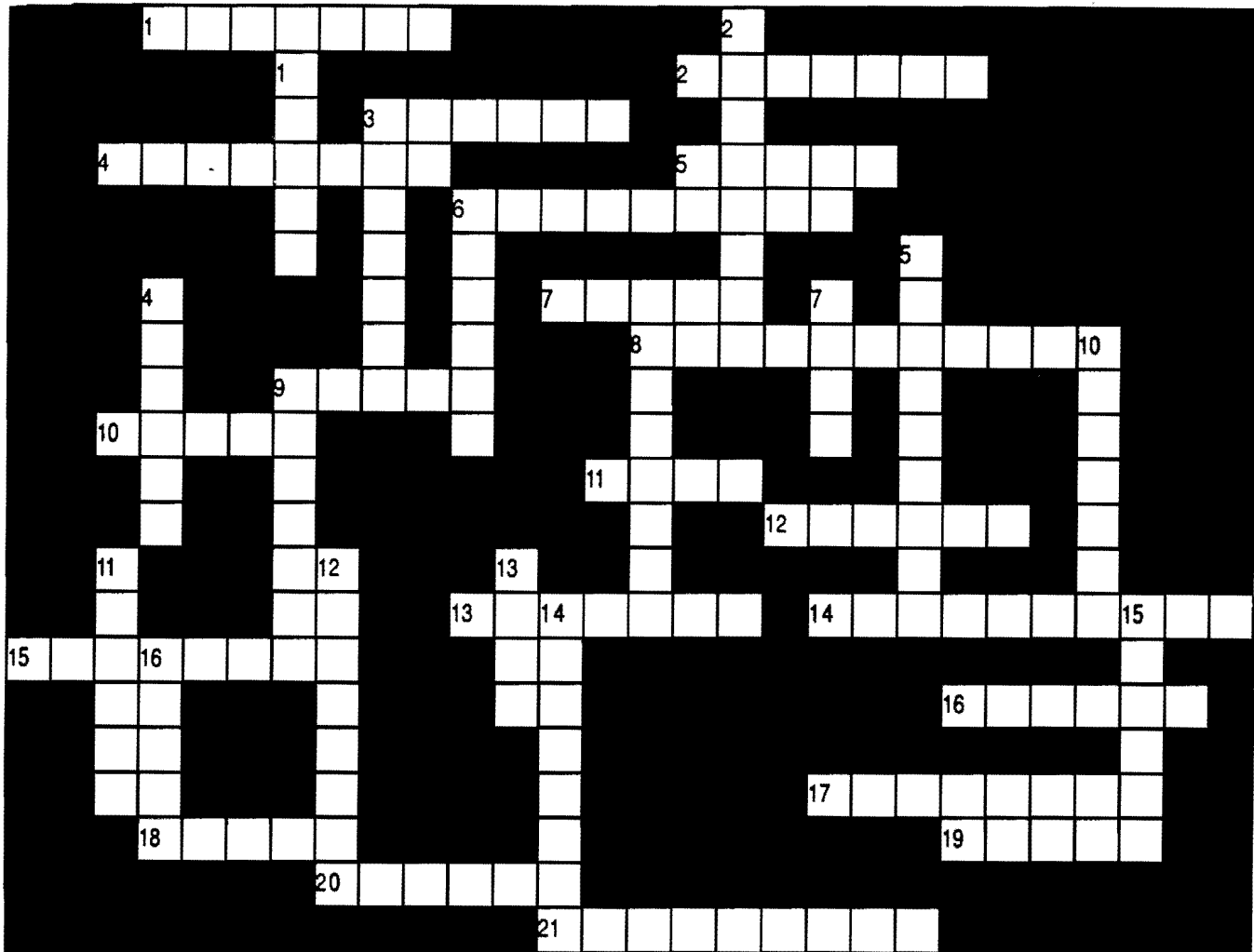
and his controls partially shot away during his initial entry into

this area, MAJ Brady was requested to land in an enemy minefield where a platoon of American soldiers was trapped. A mine detonated near his helicopter, wounding two crew members and damaging his ship. In spite of this, he managed to fly six severely injured patients to medical aid. Throughout that day MAJ Brady utilized three helicopters to evacuate a total of fifty-one seriously wounded men, many of whom would have perished without prompt medical treatment. MAJ Brady's bravery was in the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army."

LTC Douglass Hemphill

# Battalion Crossword : who's who?

compliments of Hazel "smoke me" Joseph



## ACROSS

1. Chaps
2. "... and how are you folks doing today?" - smiles big, extends hand and knows your name BEFORE he meets you
3. "Are you people crazy?" - expects you to respond with "crazy,crazy,crazy,crazy,crazy, First Sergeant"
4. Hot pink running tights are SOP
5. Who - uh, Corby.
6. Bengal Bouts - Kid Columbus [Pooh - says Zahm Hall]
7. " who told you to recover, get down! ... recover, get back down!"
8. "I hope we do aerobics this morning" - Chik
9. Shah mah rock!
10. 'Real' Ranger who brought "the LADDER" to Fightin' Irish
11. "I will guar un tee you (points finger, gives serious look)that within the first year that you become a platoon leader....I s#@% you not"
12. "Just call me sir or God, as long as you're consistent." - Deerhunter
13. "Attention to detail" "Squared away"
14. Skuds
15. "Oh my Gawd you guys"
16. photographer
17. Newest member of Fightin' Irish Battalion
18. I've only got two hours, do you have any questions about camp?
19. Where's my damn gold paint?
20. "What do you mean I got an accent?"
21. "Poindexters"

## DOWN

1. Jonesy
2. The latola of Rock and Roll
3. 1st IUSB graduate to be in Fightin' Irish Battalion
4. "I want my Maui"
5. PL cursed with Goapon - closet preppie
6. "Just once, I want to get this staff meeting started on time" - Studabager
7. Taught Arnold Palmer everything he knows
8. "It looks good troops ... do it right."
9. "Every real American reads on the can you knucklehead"
10. Paul Bunyan
11. "Whaa, whaa. whaa I wanna go home" [nipplehead says Goapon]
12. "Hey Dow, got a cigar?" Iron Mike - Field Artillery
13. SUPPLY
14. "Look proud, act proud, BE proud, and do it with a smile." - Marathon runner who made term 'warm fuzzy' into popular lingo
15. Ranger Challenge
16. Who wants to be on my basketball team?

ANSWERS: ACROSS 1. Chapple, 2. Warnck, 3. Fortin, 4. McGinley, 5. Walls, 6. Schneider, 7. Kerns, 8. Stefanchik, 9. Wilde, 10. Price  
 11. Ryan, 12. Devine, 13. Johnson, 14. Szkuclarek, 15. Kondrad, 16. Watson, 17. Ragsdale, 18. Yates, 19. Witty, 20. Wickel, 21. Letherman  
 DOWN 1. Jones, 2. Paradise, 3. Ferrill, 4. Torres, 5. McCormick, 6. Studor, 7. Cave, 8. Squyers, 9. Wehnes, 10. McKenna, 11. Conner,  
 12. Edwards, 13. Vogt, 14. Hemphill, 15. Rooney, 16. Duffy

## Cadet Spends Year Studying In Japan

One of the educational opportunities which Fightin' Irish Battalion members can take advantage of is overseas study. The University of Notre Dame offers semester and year-long programs in numerous foreign countries. A few of the programs presently offered are located in the following cities all over the world: Vienna, London, Cairo, Jerusalem, Angiers, and Dublin. Allison Coleman, an MS II and former Irish Marauder, is studying this year in Japan. She sends her greetings and the following letter.

Dear Colonel Hemphill,  
Cadre, and Cadets of the Fightin'  
Irish Battalion,

Greetings from the Far East! I hope this letter finds everyone in the battalion happy and healthy. I am sure it has been a successful semester there with the FTX and Ranger Challenge already completed. Now, the last obstacle before Christmas and vacation is final exams.

I have just recently completed my midterms. So, Christmas still seems a long way off and homesickness has not set in at all. Classes are going well and I devote the vast majority of my study time to the Japanese language. Luckily, I'm with a very kind host family and my mistakes are corrected quickly (usually accompanied by a chuckle or two).

For those of you familiar

with Tokyo, I live in Setagaya-ku which is west of Shinjuku and about fifty minutes away from school. Sofia University (Jochi Daigaku) is proving to be a fascinating place to study. It is the foremost international university in Japan. My classes are all in English but center around the study of Japan.

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This semester my classes are International Economics, Japanese History, and East Asian International Relations.

I have been doing my best to enjoy the opportunities that present themselves here. I have seen a great deal of Tokyo as well as Nikko, Kamakura, Takaosan, and Ebina. I have plans to go to Kyoto and Hiroshima over Christmas Break.

During those two months of vacation between semesters, my parents are planning on visiting me and meeting my host family. I will travel with my parents

to Hong Kong, and then travel with some Notre Dame friends to China and Thailand.

The year has become quite expensive. So, I have taken a couple part-time jobs as an English tutor. The pay is great (up to 4000 yen per hour or about \$35). However, Tokyo is a very expensive city which makes it difficult to save up for vacations.

All is going well here, but my thoughts do drift from time to time to that snow covered campus (and that undefeated ND football record).

Best of luck to everyone as they prepare for finals, and I hope that the Dining-In is a lot of fun. Thank you for all the help and encouragement.

I will be back in the Battalion in a very short time with many stories and adventures to share. Until then, take care of yourselves.

Sincerely,  
Allison M. Coleman

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*Merry  
Christmas  
and Happy  
New Year*