

---

# THE SHAMROCK

Newsletter Of The Fightin' Irish Battalion

---

Vol. XVII, No. II

November 1991

## Rangers Capture Second in Brigade

By C/PVT Elizabeth Reres

"This isn't like other sports where there's always another game," said MSIII Joe Turbyville, a few days before the annual Ranger Challenge competition. "This is a one-shot deal so there's more riding on it." In spite of pressure like that, the Notre Dame Ranger Challenge Team proved its skill and earned second place at the First Brigade competition held November 1-3 at the University of Akron in Ohio.

Competition was intense this year as the Notre Dame Rangers faced seventeen teams from Ohio and Indiana instead of competing against only the seven Indiana teams, as in the past. Xavier



Photo by C/SSG Claire Heil

**LTC Gillespie presents the team its trophy at morning PT.**

University of Cincinnati won the competition. Bowling Green placed third.

Notre Dame's relatively young team includes two freshmen: Greg Cannata and Jed

Hartings; five sophomores: Mike Deperro, Darrell Driver, Brian O'Meara, Joe Reardon and Andy Scarcella; three juniors: Tim Povich, Joe Turbyville and Greg

(Continued on page 5)

## Battalion Sponsors Army Ball November 15

By C/PV2 Ross Davidson

Time to get out the dancing shoes or, for male cadets, low quarters, because it is time for the annual Army Ball. The ball will be held at Knollwood Country Club on November 15 at 9 p.m. Bus transportation will be provided for those without access to their own wheels.

The festivities will begin with the traditional receiving line of cadre, their spouses and distinguished guests. Midshipman John Biscaino will get the house rocking when he plays everyone's favorite hits. King Shots will be taking candid photos of cadets in action showing their killer dancing instincts. Still shots will also be available.

With all the dancing, refresh-

ments are a necessity. Fruit and chocolate fondue will alleviate hunger caused by having so much fun. A cash bar will also be provided for those with legitimate ID's.

"The Ball will be a lot of fun," said C/MAJ Joelle Pouliot. "It is a great time to be sociable with cadre and fellow cadets in a relaxed environment."

From the Professor of Military Science:

# Military Requires Professionalism

Samuel P. Huntington, a noted sociologist and author, wrote about the criteria which defines a livelihood as a profession. He suggests that for a job to be classified a profession, it must meet certain criteria. Those criteria include the necessity for the profession to provide a service to society, controlled admittance and licensing or certification by a body within the profession. It should include educational and training components which reflect the theory and practice of the profession. It should be self-policing, and it should reflect a corporate nature — an element of esprit, loyalty, camaraderie. The profession should also include a media for promoting further thought and advancement. Huntington has a number of other criteria which all draw you to the conclusion that our calling is indeed a profession. From his model, allow me to suggest a few areas for you to consider: professional reading, current events and reflection.

Whether you are a student, an ROTC cadet, an Assistant Professor of Military Science or the Professor of Military Science, there are not enough hours in the day to accomplish what must be done. That means that if you think you can put off professional reading until after graduation, think again. Regardless of the profession, others in it are making the time to keep abreast of the latest thinking, theories, equipment and policies in the field. A profession gives you no time to catch up. Its demands are continuous. I have seen majors and captains neglect professional reading until they are far behind their contemporaries. How do you avoid that situation? You have already started if you have taken Father Kerby's pre-commissioning history course. That's intended to give you a foundation from which to further explore this profession. From there you can pick up any professional magazine we have in the Army ROTC office (e.g. *Military Review*, *Parameters*, *The Field Artillery Journal*, *Infantry Magazine* and *Essays*).

Not only is it important to gain a firm understanding of your profession through reading, it is just as important to stay current on the events of the world. Effectively using the tools of the trade is one responsibility that comes with a commission. In our culture, professional soldiers are expected to be thinkers, not just automatons. To be conversant in how the military might be employed you must stay current on events in foreign affairs. The first place you might think of looking is the newspaper or one of the weekly magazines. Indeed, those are good places to start; however, to get beyond the quality of information provided by reporters and editors, read professional, scholarly journals for experts' opinions. The *Journal of Strategic Studies* and *International Affairs* are just two publications that provide credible information upon which you can formulate opinions.

Equipped with a broad understanding of the disciplines of our profession and an awareness of current events, a professional should then reflect on what impact all of that has on him. The Army doesn't want uninformed leaders incapable of formulating an educated opinion and unable to articulate the pros and cons of an argument. Your task is to recognize professional responsibilities and become a participant in the corporateness of the military profession.

**LTC Robert Gillespie  
Professor of Military Science**

STAFF	
Public Affairs Officer	C/CPT Laura Gritz
Assistant Public Affairs Officers	C/1LT Chris Nelson C/1LT Jamie Reidy C/1LT Dan Sharkey
Photo Editor	C/SSG Claire Heil
Business Manager	C/2LT Tara Kelly
Reporters	C/CPT Laura Gritz, C/2LT Adeline Cassin, C/CPL Sean O'Reilly, C/PVT Tony Alfidi, C/PVT Mike Bartish, C/PV2 Rebecca Benson, C/PV2 Ross Davidson, C/PVT James Derner, C/PVT Erica Gressock, C/PVT Elizabeth Reres,
Design	C/SSG Paul Webb, C/CPL Paul Farrell, C/PV2 Rebecca Benson, C/PVT Dave Chang, C/PV2 Ross Davidson, C/PVT Candace
Photographers	Premske C/SSG Claire Heil, C/PVT Brad O'Brien



# Mysteries of the Army Ball:

## Where is Knollwood? Who should you bring? Did you RSVP?

By C/CPL Sean O'Reilly

It's that time of year again, when the leaves change colors and the weather in South Bend becomes "oh so wonderful" in our winter wonderland. What else do these changes signify but that it is time for the annual Army Ball? This year's Army Ball will be held at the Knollwood Country Club on Friday, November 15, 1991. I would like to address four questions I think of when I hear the words "Army Ball."

**Question 1-** What is the difference between a ball, a prom, a formal, and an SYR? I don't really want to know. This is just to get you warmed up.

**Question 2-** Just where is this place called the Knollwood Country Club? I ask this because I, like many other cadets, took advantage of the schoolbuses provided for transporting our dates and us to the ball last year. The combination of cold weather, moisture, and the breath of many cadets made the bus quite foggy inside and did not allow for much viewing of the outside world. Since we could not see where we were going, this Knollwood Country Club could be anywhere in the remote region of Michiana. Perhaps it has limited access like Batman's legendary Batcave. I suppose that we will have to trust that the bus driver knows best as we travel to this mysterious place.

**Question 3-** How many of you returned that RSVP slip to C/

MAJ Pouliot's box marking that you and a date would attend before getting a date? To all who answered yes, myself included, isn't that quite presumptuous of us to just assume we can get a date? This leads to my final question.

**Question 4-** Who should you bring to the 1991 Army Ball? This should be an easy question to answer, or is it? Should you allow yourself to be set up, or should you safely pick someone that you know? If you decide to find your own date, you must then decide whether to bring a friend or someone you wish to know as "better than a friend." Suppose that you again take the safe route and choose a close friend. Once that choice is made you must decide whether it will be a friend from ROTC or a civilian. Dating a friend in

ROTC may cause friction at future labs, classes, and such, but a civilian may not appreciate the Army or the Army Ball. After deciding that difficult question, you face the final question of exactly who to bring to this event. Being pessimistic, you might also wish to have backups in case someone says no.

As we can see, this seemingly easy task can become as complicated as you make it. A word to the wise: make these decisions now, for there are only so many dates out there, and waiting too long may result in you escorting your niece, nephew, cousin, younger sibling, or mother to the Army Ball. Whoever your date may be, I wish everyone a great time, and I hope that all these questions are answered soon enough for you. Remember to have a great time, dance the night away, and don't bring Mom home too late.

## Rangers Defeat Marines

By C/PVT Mike Bartish

On Thursday, October 17, while the rest of the battalion was conducting company PT, the Ranger Challenge team defeated the Notre Dame Marines in a PT competition.

The competition consisted of two minutes each of Army ROTC regulation push-ups and sit-ups and the Marine ROTC regulation three-mile run.

Led by the perfect 300 scores

of team captain Greg Hendry and Andrew Scarcella, the Ranger Challenge team posted an average score of 278. The Marines averaged 250.

Hendry said that the competition was a "good chance for the guys to participate in a type of competition" because at the time "they were getting pretty tired of the normal Ranger PT training."

The Ranger Challenge team and the Marines plan another competition in the spring.

# Enlisted Men Become Cadets

## Members of Battalion Have Advantage of Prior Experience

By C/PV2 Rebecca Benson

Probably the best experience an ROTC cadet could have is a couple of years as an enlisted man. The six men in the Fightin' Irish Battalion who were enlisted in the U.S. Army before attending college have a different outlook on the ROTC program, compared to those unfamiliar with the "real life" Army. MS IV's Mark Hamilton and Mike Hales, MSIII Mike Kuzmits, and MSII's Chad Hensley, Rob Lyons and Bob Fugate have each served from one to three years in the Army.

Mark Hamilton graduated from high school in 1986 and attended college for a semester before deciding that he needed more time to think about his goals in life, he said. He enlisted in 1987 and completed basic training and advanced individual training to become a forward observer in the field artillery. After attending Indiana University in Gary Northwest for a year, Hamilton joined the Reserves as an E-4 specialist.

Now at Indiana University at South Bend, Hamilton said he joined ROTC to become a commissioned officer, who, he believes, has "an advantage over

the NCOs." He plans on remaining in the Reserves until retirement.

Hamilton said he feels ROTC is "an excellent program for everyone involved." He finds the mobility through the ranks of private, non-commissioned officer, and commissioned officer especially valuable. The most important part of the program, Hamilton said, might be that "students ac-

**"I was the follower and now I get a chance to develop some leadership skills."**

**- Mike Kuzmits**

tually get to be in different leadership positions." He said that cadets have obtained the necessary leadership skills by the time they are seniors but that he feels all officers should serve on active duty for the experience.

Like Hamilton, Mike Kuzmits also served in the field artillery. He joined the Army in January of 1987 and completed two years of service while earning the benefits of the Army College Fund and the GI Bill. In the Army, Kuzmits acted as a 13E fire di-

rection specialist. He was stationed in Hawaii for a year and a half for basic training and advanced individual training, and then at Lake Station, Indiana.

Kuzmits also said the leadership skills acquired in ROTC are the most important aspect of the program. "I like hearing the fundamentals again," he said, but "I was the follower and now I get a chance to develop some leadership skills." Kuzmits said he plans a 20-year career in the Reserves after completing ROTC training.

Robert Fugate enlisted in August of 1987 and began basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas, as a second engineer, and he also spent a year in Korea as an advanced combat engineer.

Currently, Fugate attends Indiana University at South Bend and serves in the National Guard. He said he joined ROTC because he wants to return to the Army for an active duty career as a commissioned officer.

For Fugate, the value of ROTC is in learning the "basic military stuff" because officers, he said, "will have to use all that they learn" to lead soldiers who are just as experienced, if not more so, than they are.

# Hanson and Hoops Hope to Repeat

By C/PVT Erica Gressock

On Thursday, November 7, the Fightin' Irish Battalion's basketball team held its first practice and began gearing up for another season.

This year's team will try to top last year's outstanding achievement: capturing first place in Air Force ROTC's Flyin' Irish tournament. Army competed against teams from throughout the Midwest and East, including some from as far as South Dakota and South Carolina.

Army ROTC basketball this year consists of two teams. Both will play eight-game schedules in the Non-Varsity Athletic (NVA) leagues on campus. As soon as complete rosters are turned in to the NVA office, schedules will be set.

Nearly all of last year's highly successful team returns for another season with the Fightin' Irish.

Among those returning are MSIV's Steve Hanson, Greg Hendry, Dan Piercy, and Jerry Rullo, MSIII Marlon Crook and MSII Noah Cooper. Hanson, team leader, said he believes Army basketball will find strength in its many returning players.

CPT Brian Selling, cadre advisor, stated that this year's team will be better than last year's because "all of the good players have returned and they have practiced." He also commented: "Jerry Rullo's elbows are going to the machine shop to be sharpened."

Competition will heat up in the spring when Army will defend its championship title in the Flyin' Irish tournament. The team will also play in a tourney at the University of Dayton in Ohio.

According to Hanson, Notre Dame Army has "the ROTC team to beat in the Midwest." CPT Selling predicts the team will "sweep the field."

**RANGER** (Continued from page 1)

Wessels; and two seniors: Jim Grogan and Greg Hendry. "With a young team they seemed to pull through," said Hendry, team captain. "They developed through the weekend."

The three-day competition consisted of eight events: the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), M-16 firing, weapons assembly, grenade throwing, rope bridging, orienteering, a written patrolling test and a 10-kilometer road march. The Rangers took first place in the APFT with an

average score of 291, and they set a Notre Dame record in the 10-kilometer road march with a time of 54:10. The "road march" was actually a "ruck run" in which team members ran in combat boots and carried 30-pound rucksacks.

Other events allowed for more individual achievement. Hendry and Grogan hit 20 out of 20 silhouette targets at distances ranging from 50 to 300 meters. Deperro, Reardon and Driver turned out excellent performances for the team during the orienteering part of the competition, Hendry said. In this part, each school is divided into three teams of two and one team of three and is given 40 points to find in 90 minutes. Wessels and Scarcella tackled the tough terrain and returned, covered with mud, with 11 points found.

The team will continue to practice twice a day, five days a week, in preparation for the regional Ranger Challenge competition to be held November 22-24 at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. "The team appreciates the battalion support," Hendry said. "We hope to make the school proud at regionals."

*Suzanne's  
Floral*

*We've Moved!*

*New Location: 1359 N. Ironwood  
Corner of Edison  
288-7551*

# Three Irish Run Chicago Marathon

## Gerosa, Kane, and Hanson finish race in under 3:30

By C/PVT James Demer

Three members of the Fightin' Irish Battalion spent the last day of fall break competing in the fourteenth running of the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 27. MSIV Steve Hanson, MSIII Mike Kane and 2LT John Gerosa braved the cold temperature and strong winds to complete the course in less than three and a half hours each.

"Finishing a marathon was one of the most satisfying feelings I've ever had," said Hanson.

The 26-mile, 385-yard course commenced at Daley Plaza in downtown Chicago, then covered seven miles on Lakeshore Drive before ending in the city. Out of 5,581 finishers, Gerosa was 1053rd, with a time of three hours and 21 minutes. Kane and Hanson followed close behind, coming in at three hours and 22 minutes.

Gerosa and Hanson started the race together, and Kane caught up to them at mile 21. The three of them ran together until about mile 25.

"Around mile 16, I started to

**"When I hit mile 21, and saw Steve and John, it was a big uplift."**

**-Mike Kane**



Photo by C/MAJ Dan Piercy

**John Gerosa and Steve Hanson ran together for 25 miles during the Chicago Marathon.**

feel a little wear and tear," said Kane. "When I hit mile 21, and saw Steve and John, it was a big uplift.... It was a great test of muscle endurance, but I was able to speak throughout the entire race with sharp mental alertness."

Said Gerosa: "It was the most awesome feeling I've ever felt in my life. The thing that motivated me was remembering that I can do something like that... just thinking about all the people who can't because they've been hurt or have died."

The three runners followed different training programs in preparation for the marathon. In July, Kane began running five to six miles four days a week along with one ten- to fifteen-mile run per week. Gerosa began training seriously a month and a half be-

fore the race, usually running ten miles a day, six days a week. The longest run he completed before the marathon was 16 miles. Hanson, who began his training program six weeks before the event, ran six miles three times a week and worked out half an hour on the StairMaster machine six days a week. He said he completed two 15-mile runs before the race.

After they ran the Chicago Marathon, Gerosa, Hanson and Kane utilized the services of the massage tent. As Kane said, "My muscles were still sore two days following the race." Still, he said he'd like to run in Chicago again next year and that completing a marathon is something he can "look back on with a sense of accomplishment."

# Rifle Team Roster Announced

By C/PV2 Tony Alfidi

Since the start of the school year, the Rifle Team has been hard at work during practice on weekday afternoons.

The team roster was announced Monday, November 11. Returning members include Mike Brennan, Steve Carozza, Jim Cretella, Dan Dipaola, Mike Julian, Tom Ninneman, Mike Nolte, and Andy Sinn. New members are Adeline Cassin, Mike Kauffman, Jeff Mackey,

Craig Roman, Michelle Rowe, and Lisa Valenta.

"They look good," comments SSG Keith Ragsdale, now in his third year of advising the team. "We had about 12 new people who tried out and their scores look pretty good. The team has come together well since September." He expects the team's standouts this year to be C/1LT Mike Julian and C/1LT Tom Ninneman.

C/SSG Lisa Valenta commented on the experience of try-

ing out for Rifle Team: "It's a good chance to get some shooting practice, regardless of whether or not you make the team."

The Rifle Team keeps a low profile in one aspect: fundraising. Operational costs are minimal and all the ammunition it uses is provided through regular supply channels.

The team's first postal match will be on November 30, and the team plans to travel to a meet at Ohio State in February.

# Irish Brigade Veterans' Corps Visits Notre Dame

By C/CPT Laura Gritz

Seven members of the Irish Brigade Veterans' Corps visited the Fightin' Irish Battalion October 11-12. The Corps is affiliated with the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry, New York Army National Guard.

"They have felt a certain camaraderie with the university and Notre Dame Army ROTC ever since Father Corby gave absolution to the brigade before the

Battle of Gettysburg," said LTC Robert Gillespie, Professor of Military Science.

The Veterans' Corps members met with cadre and cadets on Friday, October 11. Barney Kelly, the group's commander, presented the Fightin' Irish Battalion with several gifts, including a framed print depicting the Irish Brigade during the Civil War, a book about the history of the Irish Brigade, souvenir coins and insignia, sportswear and sev-

eral photo displays.

Gillespie presented Kelly and his group with Army ROTC PT shirts and a football signed by Lou Holtz.

The visitors brought with them their unit's actual 19th century Prince of Wales flag and a replica of the Irish Brigade flag. The Notre Dame - Pittsburgh game on October 12 featured an Army ROTC color guard which carried the replica flag.


Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00-5:30  
Sat. 8:00-3:00

**Maple Lane  
Barber Shop**

2112 South Bend Avenue  
South Bend, IN 46637  
*Right Next to Coach's*

Appointments if Desired  
**272-6722**

PH. 219-291-3937



**Country Florist**  
& GIFTS, INC. BY DENNIS  
60805 U.S. 31 SOUTH  
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46614

*Dennis R. Lawson*  
OWNER