



**FIGHTIN' IRISH BATTALION OF NOTRE DAME**

## Notre Dame ROTC Thanks the Pasquerillas

During the first weekend of October, the University and the Department of Defense simultaneously dedicated the new ROTC building and honored its donors Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Pasquerilla. The celebration began on Friday afternoon with a mass at Sacred Heart church. Fr. "Monk" Malloy presided over the standing room only service as the University Trustees, Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC cadre and cadets, and many others came to show their appreciation for the Pasquerillas' generous donation to the University.

Later that evening, the University held a dinner, complete with strolling violinists, for the Pasquerillas and their family and friends. After dinner, Fr. Malloy, Donald Keough, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Lt. Col. Hemphill and C/LTC Stokes expressed their gratitude for the opportunities that the Pasquerillas' gift has provided for so many students, both in and out of ROTC.

Representing the

Department of Defense, Lt. Gen. Thomas Kelly presented Mr. Pasquerilla with the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, the second highest award given by the Department of Defense. The text of the award reads, "Mr. Pasquerilla's support, coupled with the University's extensive involvement, underscores the highest level of commitment to educating value-oriented men and women as future leaders in the Armed Services."

Mr. Pasquerilla, upon

receiving the award, commented that because he was unable to serve in the armed forces because of a childhood illness, he hopes that his gift fulfills his duty, the duty that all Americans have to serve their country.

On Saturday morning, the actual dedication of the building took place. The University presented the Pasquerillas with a plaque dedicating the building to them and their tremendous generosity

C/CPT Rachel Lovejoy



Father Malloy and the Pasquerillas dedicate the new building.

# Thanks, Congratulations, and Think

We're halfway through the Fall Semester, and this is a good time to say three things to you: thanks, congratulations, and think.

THANKS for the way you all came together to show your appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Pasquerilla for giving us our new ROTC home. I said I needed you to be there, and you were. Your presence did a lot more than my words could to make clear to the Pasquerillas and everyone else there what their five million dollar gift was doing. Uniforms or not, you looked great. You demonstrated convincingly to the University Trustees and Administration that you deserve their support. Let me describe to you what that support has included. From the time Father Ned Joyce, the former Executive Vice President, convinced Mr. Pasquerilla that a new ROTC building was the appropriate gift, the Notre Dame Administration has involved us completely in what the building would be like. We submitted space requirements and a "wish list", discussed plans and building layout with the architect, and even were asked what color upholstery we wanted on the office furniture. The architects worked to reflect the idea of three ROTC groups - Army, Naval, Air Force - that worked together to prepare future officers. That's the reason the

the exterior of Pasquerilla Center has three types of stone, why the internal color scheme is three colors, and why even the wall coverings are three different materials. It's also the reason that the building was designed so that its parts meet in the open center that is the focus of the building, with the three administrative offices at the top of the stairs together with the Chaplain's office.

Notre Dame next proceeded to spend approximately one million dollars more to make sure the building was appropriately finished and furnished - even to the point of paying for the work done by the University Archives personnel to research and prepare the exhibits you see in the lobby and upstairs display cases. There is certainly no other ROTC program that receives this level of support, and that

# From the Commander

Fightin' Irish Battalion, be proud. This far into the semester everyone else is just beginning to reach full speed, but at the crack of the gun the members of the Fightin' Irish Battalion came screaming out of the blocks and have refused to slow down. In just a matter of weeks we have been treated to freshman orientation, MSIII Live Fire and Field Leadership Reaction Course, the fall awards ceremony, POW-MIA Retreat Ceremony and the fall FTX—Operation Green Spartan.

Now the time has come to get our hands dirty and prepare to face the most important and difficult mission each cadet must face. MID-TERMS. It is time to get mean, to face each class as a challenge, to be personally insulted if a professor feels he may have demanded too much from his students. Attack each class with the same

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## The Beasley Bunch

Not long ago, I was a freshman learning my right from my left and just beginning to experience the joys of drill and ceremony. For the fortunate of the Fightin' Irish Battalion, this semester is my opportunity to introduce share it.

One of Alpha company's primary missions is to instill in everyone a sense of pride. Looking good makes you stand out from the rest of the battalion. That is why I set such high standards for Alpha Company. Not only do I want you all to be good representatives of Notre Dame Army ROTC, but it is true that when you look good, you feel better about yourself.

Looking good is not just a good press on your uniform and a good shine on your boots. The whole purpose of Alpha Company is to make you all proficient in drill and ceremonies. Unlike Bravo and Charlie Companies that instruct tasks that you will use on FTX's and at times during Advanced Camp, you will use what you learn in Alpha company every day in ROTC. Every time you have a formation or every time you move a group of people as a unit, you use D&C.

I know at times you may get feel like that you are wasting time marching around on Wednesday afternoons, but I guarantee that the practice

will help you to improve. Freshmen and sophomores, many of you may never find your way back to Alpha company so pay attention to what is being taught. You will be doing all of this for the rest of your Army career. No matter what your job is as a junior, you will need to be proficient at these skills.

As for you juniors, you need to get comfortable with being in command of a unit and marching it from place to place. Next summer, you will find that the ones who can confidently control their platoons will command the respect of both their tac's and fellow cadets. Don't underestimate the importance of tactics, marksmanship or land nav, but remember that you have to be able to move between the training sites..

The Alpha company staff has been quite impressed with the progress being made this semester. We can all see the effort that is being put forth to look sharp and be sharp. Keep up the good work.

Mighty Alpha company has the reputation of being not only the best but also the most fun company in the battalion. It is my hope that we can keep it that way. As long as we all keep putting forth a good effort, we can get the job done and have fun at the same time.

C/CPT Tom Beasley

## CAV Column

To start off, let me be trite and say welcome back Bravo Company. It is very hard to believe that six weeks of academics and ROTC have already come and gone. What is even more amazing is the amount of growth that the company has gone through in these few short weeks.

To begin with, a fabulous orientation staff led by 2LT Jen Laiber got the freshmen off to a great start with campus and ROTC orientation which is second to none. For the second year in a row, more freshmen made the right choice and requested Bravo as their preferred company. Indeed, these newly christened MSI's have proven to be the best in the battalion.

The MSII's and MSIII's have returned from a summer of sun, surf, and Airborne with the dedication and devotion to make Bravo number one in the battalion. MSII's, as you trudge through this seemingly dull year, keep your eyes and ears open to your chain of command; keep in mind leadership dimensions that impress you or disturb you and use these dimensions to further develop your own leadership style.

MSIII's, keep this year in perspective! Start preparing for camp—slowly. shoot,

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## Ranger Rap

"Hey Braindead from Bravo, don't you know what an ambush is?" Of course he doesn't, sir, he's not in Charlie Company - the Ranger Company!

In the Ranger Company, you, yes you, will know how to conduct an ambush. In the dense woods surrounding Ranger Field, you will be given the opportunity to lead. Yes, you can be a leader and maybe a Ranger. Are we looking for Ranger School candidates in Charlie Company? No, but we are looking for leaders. So you're ate up like battery acid, that's ok. After a few pushups for the Ranger God in the sky, we will give you the tactical competence you need to be a good leader. Basic infantry skills are required of any army, but who's to say Ivan isn't going to run over your computer with his T-80 tank?

As long as you aren't in the thinking position this semester you might learn something. Ranger Company's schedule contains some high speed instruction. Patrolling and platoon tactics are the major training events. Survival training concludes the semester's training. Hopefully, not too many wascally wangers will get sick after we kill Bugs Bunny.

Remember, the

## Vacation at Fort Benning

Upon arrival at Ft. Benning, the vacationing cadet is met by a polite NCO wearing a black hat. He kindly guides the vacationers to the inprocessing center with words like, "You're moving at leg speed! You don't have all day!" After ensuring that the inprocessing goes smoothly, you are moved to your plush accommodations in such lovely locations as the Delta Dungeon, where you are told to neatly jam your belongings into a locker. You then receive everything you will need to make the next three weeks fun-filled and exciting: a Kevlar helmet, a canteen, and a poncho.

Your three weeks of fun-filled activities begin Monday morning with a brisk jog and some aerobics done in the local sawdust pit. A lovely breakfast follows, and then it's back to the activities center for lots of rolling around in sawdust pits and jumping out of towers. The second week includes more of the

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success of this training and the knowledge you gain will be a result of your motivation.

***Rangers Lead The Way!***

C/CPT Michael Dunlavey

same, plus the chance to be dropped from a 250 ft. tower with nothing but a silk parachute. Sound like fun? Just wait until jump week!

You and 63 of your closest friends will be escorted to a C-130 or C-141 airplane and taken to a lovely Fryar drop zone. Once over the zone, you will be dropped out at 1250 ft. Sound like more fun? It is! How can I enjoy this experience you ask? Just wait until the Airborne sign-up sheet appears on the Battalion bulletin board. They just sign up! You'll be given the opportunity to wake up at ungodly hours of the morning and spend your day in the Airborne Training class with some lovely tour directors who will make your airborne experience seem like a trip to the zoo.

Seriously, though, airborne is probably the best experience I've had in the Army, and I strongly encourage every MS I, II, and III to go for it. Only a limited number can go, so start working out now and you'll be able to spend three weeks at Airborne school next summer!

C/2LT James Fellrath

# Thanks

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obviously puts a responsibility on all of us to be equally dedicated to being the best we can.

**CONGRATULATIONS** on what you've accomplished in the first eight weeks of the year. The number of things the battalion has accomplished in the past two months is impressive, and they could not have been accomplished without all of you working hard. Despite the last minute changes courtesy of the weather, the Fall FTX was the best I've seen in the four years we've been doing that type of exercise. It included the kind of fine tuning improvements that will be incorporated into next year's exercises. The important thing is that thanks to all of you, the whole program continues to move forward. Being better than everyone else is one thing, but being the best you can be is the real objective.

**THINK** about what you're doing before you do it. A few of your fellow cadets and midshipmen have taken some severe hits this year because of alcohol. A conviction for driving under the influence will mean the end of your scholarship, your plans to earn a commission, and probably much of what you had planned for your future.

The act of driving under the influence could also mean the end, period - for you or for some innocent person who happened to be on the road at the same time. As prospective officers, each one of you is held to a higher standard than your non-ROTC friends. You have to be more responsible and more committed to proper conduct, because you will be the role model and mentor for the soldiers you lead - and for your fellow cadets in the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes. Think too about the very possible ramifications of underage drinking, whether you're nineteen or twenty-one. If the party is "busted", you may be too - and the results in terms of scholarship and commission are going to be severe. Think about how use of false identification in order to buy drinks squares with the

professional ethic of integrity. And think about how little common sense it takes to get drunk and throw up all over yourself.

Think also about taking on responsibility, and about the importance of a positive attitude. The way we approach a situation usually determines the result. The six words that lead to failure are - "WE'VE ALWAYS DONE IT LIKE THIS." The five words that lead to failure are - "LET SOMEONE ELSE DO IT." The four words that lead to failure are - "IT'S NOT MY JOB." The three words that lead to failure are - "I'M TOO BUSY." The two words that lead to failure are - "I CAN'T." The one word that leads to failure is - "ME."

Welcome back, and I hope you enjoyed your well-earned break. Be proud of yourselves - I am.

LTC Hemphill

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# What's New in Aviation

The Army's newest weapon, the "Stealth Chopper," is undergoing extensive scrutiny as two teams compete for the \$42 billion dollar bid. The Army wants 2,096 LHX (light helicopter experimental) to supplement the already existing fleet of Apache choppers.

"The First Team" composed of Boeing/Sikorsky said their chopper will be "undetectable" to man-portable heat-seeking missiles. Cold air drawn in through grilles behind the main rotor is mixed with engine exhaust and avionics heat, the resulting cooler air is exhausted along a 2m length of the flat downward-facing panels on each side of the tail boom. Boeing claims it is impossible for a Stinger-type SAM to lock on.

The rival McDonnell Douglas/Bell Textron "Superteam" utilizes

the revolutionary NOTAR (no tail rotor) concept. The Superteam says tail rotor designs are dangerous to troops on the ground and subject to NOE (nap-of-the-earth) damage. The new NOTAR design focuses engine exhaust through vents at the end of the tail boom to counteract the main rotor's torque spin.

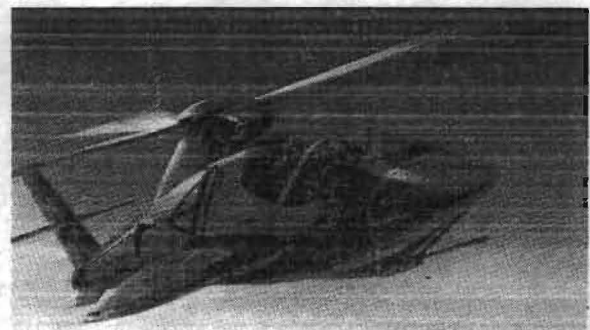
To reduce radar signature, the *First Team* will mount up to six Hellfire missiles internally on weapons doors that open and double as engine maintenance platforms. In addition, it uses generous amounts of RAM (radar absorbing material). When stealthiness is less important, external stores of Hellfires, Stingers, and Hydra unguided rockets can be attached within 20 minutes. The *Superteam* plans to mount weapons under fixed-wing supports.

Full-scale testing of the

*First Team's* five-bladed bearingless main rotor has already started at Sikorsky and *Superteam's* four-bladed bearingless rotor is already flying. The five blade design, however, provides lower blade loading and thus lower acoustic signature, as well as a 20% reduction in vibration.

The Army's request for proposals on LH took place on 1 May this year. The Army's requirements are for a helicopter with an average flyaway cost of \$7.5 million that weighs no more than 7,500 pounds. Selection of the winning team is scheduled for the end of January 91. Full-scale development will then begin leading to service entry in December 1996.

C/2LT Greg Coughran



The Superteam: above  
The First Team: left

## Drillin' with Dan

The Irish Marauder Drill team is gearing up for another successful year. In the past month, the Marauders have progressed rapidly, and are on their way to becoming a high-speed, low-drag, teflon-coated, maintenance-free drill unit! New members are becoming proficient in drill and ceremonies, while returning veterans are displaying leadership skills which will make them great leaders of the Battalion.

Our mission began quickly, with the opening game against Michigan. Gregg Welicky, Mike Warmerdon, Jay Tilton, and Jeff Klotz provided Color Guard for the game. The Purdue game saw Mike Kane and Dan Fritz in action for the Tri-Military Color Guard.

This year, the Marauders will be competing at two drill meets. The team will crush the opposition at the Purdue Drill meet during the second semester. The chances of attending the Tulane (Mardi Gras) Drill Meet are looking brighter every day. Our success depends on participation. If you are not in an extracurricular, you should make Drill Team one of your weekly activities. The better you are at drill and ceremonies, the more confidence you will have at Camp and beyond. If we don't look good, you don't look good.

C/2LT Dan Vasquez

## Black Berets Win

The Fightin' Irish Battalion will see some new faces under the coveted black beret this semester. The Irish Rangers, with five returning starters from the two-time state championship team, had four vacancies to fill. At the start, the team had an early letdown because of drops. However, a few motivated cadets removed themselves from the ranks of mediocrity to challenge themselves and earn the Ranger Challenge Tab.

The challenge entails five days of PT, with workouts ranging from eight mile ruck runs to endurance-building swims. Morning PT starts at 0530 hours and ends at 0715. Afterwards, team members shower and go to classes. At 1630 each day, technical training is held. This involves rope-bridging, grenade throwing, weapons assembly, orienteering, and combat patrolling. Only those with the discipline and time management to balance grades and five training days remain on the team.

For the state competition, more is at stake than a trophy or a pat on the back. At stake is the pride of fifteen rangers who go above and beyond what is expected in ROTC. By the time the battalion reads this, the competition will be history. But win or lose, let all know that these black berets put more

## Top Guns

This year's rifle team is ready to do battle with other midwest schools once again. Turn-out has been very good, particularly among MSI's and II's, who will hopefully provide the basis for the team in the coming years. After having finally zeroed our rifles, the team is preparing for our first meet, which is in less than 3 weeks. With the help of SSGT Ragsdale and C/NCOIC Mike Julian, the team is prepared to crush other schools, or may just make a good showing.

Either way, the rifle team will continue to provide people with an opportunity to hone their marksmanship skills. However, it must be remembered that booing and humiliating other teams can be an enjoyable aspect of team competition. Therefore, the rifle team studs will strive for excellence and do their best to bring victories to the Battalion.

Charlie don't surf.

C/1LT Ted Sherman

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into this battalion than all others.

C/MAJ Ron Shashy

*Editor's note: The Ranger Challenge team once again proved that the Fightin' Irish are the best as they brought home the state championship trophy. Congratulations and good luck at Region!*

## Battalion Thwarts Rain at FTX A Fresh Perspective

Once again, Mother Nature made it nearly impossible for the Battalion FTX to proceed as planned. The rainstorm on 21 September forced the cancellation of the night patrol base for the MSIII's. The storm also caused the FTX to be moved inside Loftus under the watchful eyes of Saturday morning joggers and walkers.

In contrast to the sudden changes of training sites, the MSIII's provided an excellent day of training for the MSI's and MSII's. It also gave the MSIV's their first chance to evaluate and give the first of many dreaded 'blue cards.' The MSI's and MSII's were another integral part of the FTX. Without them, there would be no one to receive the incredible amount of wisdom

from the MSIII's and MSIV's. Although many of them looked as if they would rather still be asleep, they helped ensure another excellent day of training for the battalion.

Mother Nature must enjoy pain because she didn't rain enough to cancel the assault course. Sure enough, the same field that was a swamp the night before was now dry enough for the battalion to go through the assault course. As always, everyone sweated, cursed, and worked as a team and beat the assault course. As always, the battalion came through under pressure and turned nature's pranks into another great FTX.

C/2LT Tony Muilenburg

When we arrived at Notre Dame for ROTC Orientation, most of us freshmen did not know what to expect, and we also soon discovered that there wasn't much to worry about, either. Unlike our friends in Navy, we received a terrific welcome. The senior cadets started the first evening of orientation with volleyball, pizza, and a mixer. That night we loosened up a lot, started making friends, and received our now threadbare polo shirts.

The second day opened with an official greeting from LTC Hemphill who introduced us to the cadre. We then met our MSI instructor, MAJ Weiss. He welcomed us to Army ROTC and gave us a brief overview of the program. Also, quite noteworthy, was his attempt to teach us basic social skills, such as the one-on-one introduction. His lessons seemed suspiciously geared towards forced conversation, especially between guys and girls. (Of course, this was only a suspicion).

Later, after parading around the supply room in our new uniforms, our parents met us for mass at the Grotto and



Who is that masked man?

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## A New Face

In case you have been wondering, the unfamiliar face in our midst is our new cadre member, CPT Miles. He has joined the Fightin' Irish Battalion as the MSII instructor.

CPT Miles is originally from Munich, Germany. He is married and the father of twins, age five. He graduated from Cameron in Lawton, Oklahoma and received a degree in computer science. The Captain has a master's degree in Information Systems from City University in Washington. His last assignment was at Fort Lewis in Washington, where he was the HHB 184 FA Commander. He has also been stationed in Bamberg, Germany, where he was the Battalion FDO.

His teaching methods are simple and straightforward with emphasis placed on these key phrases: DO WHAT IS RIGHT; DO YOUR BEST; TREAT OTHERS FAIRLY. CPT Miles states his teaching objective as being, "to build a solid foundation so the cadets will be the confident, well-rounded officers for tomorrow's army."

C/PFC Cheryl Zopp

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Remember, academics also play an important part in your military career. Use this year to fine tune your leadership style. Don't be afraid to ask questions, the MSIV's and the Cadre are more than willing to help. (I would love to see the MSIII's break this year's camp "record".)

Finally, what has Bravo Company accomplished and where is it headed? To say that the company has outstanding morale and motivation is an understatement. As I have said before, this is the most squared away and motivated company that I have seen in my three years in the Fightin' Irish Battalion. The intensity at morning PT sessions, company lab, and especially at the Battalion FTX has left other commanders and their first sergeants wondering how they can get their companies to this level of motivation. Needless to say, they can try, but they can't beat Bravo. Be sure to keep this morale going—MSIII's, lead the way and fire 'em up. My hat is off to Cav Company. Prepare yourselves for more training in weapons, land navigation, and communication—without them you can't shoot, move, and communicate—and if you can't shoot, move, and communicate, you can't be Cav.

C/CPT Peter Deutsch

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aggressive, can-do attitude that I saw during the FTX and no one will be disappointed.

Meanwhile, the Fightin' Irish Battalion will continue to pace through the year.

I challenge you to show me what you are made of by participating in an Army ROTC extracurricular. The members of the elite Drill Team are hard at work practicing their skill and raising money for a potential trip to the Tulane Drill Meet. The deadly Rifle Team is honing their prowess in hopes of bringing home the gold, as the Ranger Challenge Team continues to "Pump Up" in an effort to become the hugest men and women on campus.

Each member of the Fightin' Irish Battalion, from MSIV to MSI, has something to contribute to Army ROTC at the University of Notre Dame. Get involved, inspire each other, demand excellence from yourself, your peers, your seniors, and your juniors. Lou Holtz says that to succeed a person needs self confidence; he says that the keys to self confidence are to do right, do your best, and do to others what you would like them to do for you. So trust in yourself. If a skinny little red-head can become the battalion

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commander of the Fightin' Irish Battalion, the goals you set and the feats you accomplishments should know no bound.

C/LTC Brian Stokes

a picnic by the old ROTC building. This was followed by an excellent rope bridge demonstration by the Ranger Challenge Team. We, too, had the opportunity to get acquainted with the "Swiss Seat Sensation" and try a little rope-bridging and rappelling. Despite some initial trepidation, everyone truly had a lot of fun.

The next day, we woke up bright and early for some light PT, and learned the basics of drill and ceremony. When we thought the end would never come, they released us for a life-endangering rendezvous with some MRE's. Concealed in impenetrable, shiny brown packages, these "Mysterious Rejected Edibles" definitely put a little sunshine into everyone's day. The seniors then introduced us to the US

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Army with a number of different stations such as land navigation, grenades, chemical warfare, weaponry, rappelling, and rope-bridging. Their presentations were fun and interesting, giving us a good background for future lessons.

Activities resumed early the next morning with SGM Johnson's incredibly energetic lecture about the wear of Army uniforms. Orientation ended with the oath of allegiance at Hayes-Healy Hall. Finally, they let us loose to the meet the other Notre Dame freshmen with stories about the first days in ROTC. Two fellow freshmen summed up their orientation experiences quite well:

David Hoeffel—"Orientation was an exciting experience. I had a chance to make a lot of great friends and found out that Army life was actually a lot of fun."

Christy "Beetle" Daly—"At first, we all felt nervous, but after we got to know each other





# FTX FUN

