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Future for the MS IV's has arrived

Name	Duty	Branch	Branch Detail
BARTON EDWARD	RD	EN	
BROCKLEY MICHAEL	RD	AR	
CHISHOLM PAUL	RD	TC	
CONNER SANDRA	AD	AG	AG
CRETELLA RICHARD	DL	MC	MS
CROOK MARLON	RD	AG	
DANIELUK DENNIS	DL	MP	
DEICK STEVEN	RA	SC	SC
DONLAN JOHN	AD	MS	MS
DROZESKI GRAHAM	AD	AV	AV
FARRELL THERESA	AD	MP	MP
GRAYDON SCOT	RD	AG	
HEIL CLAIRE	RD	OD	
HULL KRISTOPHER	AD	MS	MS
HUNT PAM	RD	MS	
KANE MICHAEL	RA	AR	AR
KEOUGH PEGGY	DL	JA	AG
KESTNER ARI	AD	QM	QM
KLOTZ JEFFERY	DL	MC	MS
KOWALSKI KURTIS	DL	MC	MS
KUZMITS MICHAEL	RD	FA	
MOSER MICHAEL	RD	MP	
MURPHY MICHAEL	DL	MC	MS
NACIONALES BERNARD	RD	QM	
OVERBAUGH ROB	DL	MC	MS
POVICH TIM	AD	EN	EN
REEDER DAVE	AD	SC	SC
RICHARDS GENE	AD	EN	EN
SLEBODNICK STEFANIE	AD	EN	EN
TILTON JAMES	AD	SC	SC
TURBYVILLE JOE	DL	MC	MS
VALENTA LISA	RD	MP	
WARMERDAM MICHAEL	RA	SC	SC
WEBB PAUL	AD	OD	OD
WESSELS GREG	RA	AR	AR

The duty assignments for which the seniors have been nervously waiting have been released. The accession packet describes, most importantly, the senior cadet's duty assignment and branch. All together, 11 cadets are bound for the reserves, 8 received an educational delay, and 18 are going active. Of the 18 who will be on active duty, four were selected for the Regular Army.

Unfortunately, there are always some cadets whose wishes are not granted. While some did not get their first-choice branch, others were asked to go active when they had requested reserves, and vice-versa. The results are below.

LETTER FROM PMS FOR SHAMROCK #3

I had a great time at the Dining In---but that doesn't matter..

To all attendees, our Dining In on 26 February was a rousing success. The food was tasty; the skits were clever; Mr Vice was in excellent form; the protocol was correctly executed; our speaker delivered a heartfelt talk. Our guests were much impressed. I am pleased that all of these were in good form---but these do not by themselves define success for the evening.

Think about why we do Dining Ins. They exist for units to get together for fellowship, esprit, camaraderie, and teambuilding. That happened on Friday night at the Marriot. I saw many of you working together for the Fightin' Irish Battalion. The table seating plan and calligraphied name cards on the table did not just happen. Skits were researched, written, and rehearsed before they were presented. Mr Vice was ready with music, trivia, physical challenges, and games. You all were prepared with good natured challenges to each other. The color guard did a fine job in presenting the colors. Assigned escorts ensured that our guests were entertained throughout the evening. The punch bowl ceremony appropriately represented the branches of the Army and produced a fine "grog"--witness the eagerness with which you all drank it. I saw lots of advanced preparation for the common enjoyment. Many individuals worked together--teamwork--to produce a great evening for us all. Who gets the credit? You all do. It was a great night for the Fightin' Irish Battalion. I had a great time---but that is not important. What is important is that I saw a great unit at the Dining In. My thanks to you all. My congratulations to you all.

As the winter grudgingly draws to a close (maybe), we have many upcoming activities. The MS IVs look forward to a Staff Ride to the Tippecanoe battlefield, to receiving dates to attend Officers' Basic Course (OBC), to graduation and commissioning (finally!!), and to their first military assignment/civilian job. MS IIIs face their biggest challenge as they prepare for their Advanced Camp at Ft Bragg. They know that it is important as how they score at camp. Their scores in all events, from PT test to leadership results, will be a major part of their accession packet. These Advanced Camp scores will go a long way to determining whether the MS IIIs get the branch and duty options that they desire after commissioning. To aid them in their preparation, they will participate in separate land navigation training and RIBPIN-X, a mini-advanced camp exercise with other Indiana schools. For all of us, we have squad competition, Dixon Challenge, to determine the best squad in the battalion in March, and our battalion field training exercise (FTX) and Presidential Review in April. We have a busy few months in front of us.

Stay focused to the challenge at hand. Your first priority remains your academic work. With that in mind, be ready to excel at your ROTC challenges. Now is the time to learn the basics of the Army. Now is the time to get into the best physical shape of your life. Now is the time to be a participating member of the Fightin' Irish Battalion.

Have a great Spring Break.

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Scenes from the Tri-Mil Ball

By Tony Alfidi

On 5 February 1993, the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC units at Notre Dame held their annual joint social event at Union Station in South Bend. C/MAJ Tracy Farrell, who during December of 1992 helped plan the event with CPT Eric Van Vliet, said the Tri-Mil Ball "was a great success." And already planning for next year, LTC James O'Brien sought input from the MS IIs on how the ball could be improved for the future. Here are a few scenes.

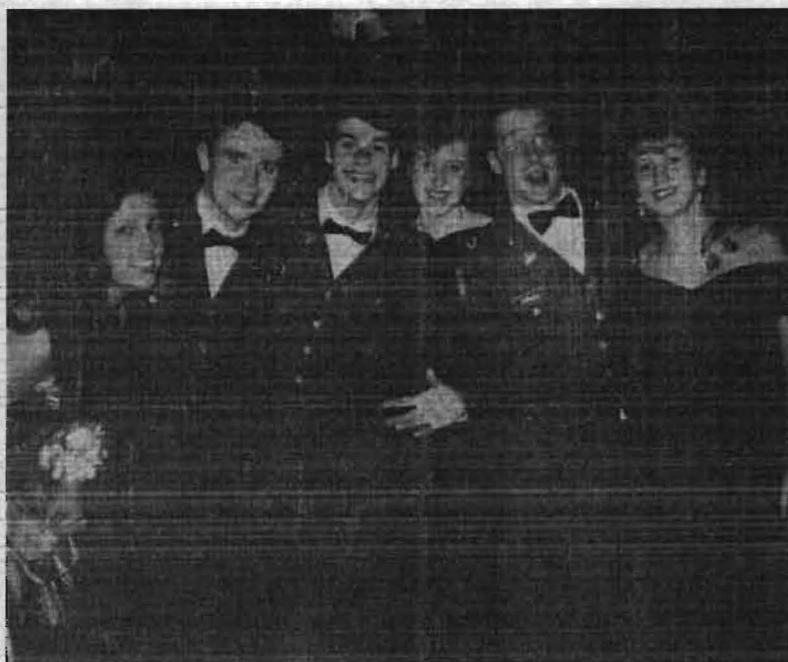


Seniors, dates, and Cadet Captain John Donlan embrace with open arms their last ROTC Ball. (top)



Brent Tadson was feeling pretty studly the night of the ball. (left)

The MS-I's enjoy their first Tri-Military Ball.(Below)



Good Luck to the Scholarship Applicants

By John Donlan

You may have seen some funny business at P.T. in the last few weeks. An undercover reporter spotted cadets hopping around like frogs and others throwing basketballs at the MS-IVs. What's going on here? Have no fear, CPT.

Selling is in charge of this. He is helping the MS-Is and -IIs who are trying out for two- and three-year scholarships. They were preparing to take a physical examination which consists of: a standing long jump, a basketball throw, a shuttle run, and the pull-up/flexed-arm hang. The Shamrock wishes the following cadets the best of luck in their attempts to win a scholarship: Bart Bogust, Rachel Cannata, Karien Cook, Todd Crosby, Karin Gilbert, David Gozman, Ritamaureen Holmes, Sean Keenan, Taralynn Olayuar, Rex Riffle, Jason Maier, and Steven Van Hoof.



Congratulations to Lieutenants Bates and Welecky

The Shamrock wishes the best of luck to lieutenants Bates and Welecky who were commissioned in December.

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Juniors Prepare for Bragg

By Mike Kaley

As the summer of 1993 draws near, the Fightin' Irish Battalion's MS III cadets are busily preparing for Camp Challenge at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The juniors are finding this preparation both physically and mentally demanding, but rewarding as well.

MS III training has four components: class, lab, PT/Drill and Ceremony sessions and field training exercises. The juniors meet with CPT Tyler twice a week for class, where the emphasis is on small unit tactics, briefings and operations orders. The second component of the MS III's training is company lab. Juniors are responsible for teaching the given block of instruction to their respective companies. The Friday prior to the lab, the MS III in charge submits a training outline to CPT Tyler and the company NCO, briefing them on the block of instruction for the following week. The third

component of junior training is the supplementary PT/Drill and Ceremony sessions. Three days a week, the juniors gather at Stepan Senter at 0600 for physical training and practice in drill and ceremony. The MS IIIs run these sessions, teaching blocks of instruction on various aspects of drill as well as leading the workouts during the PT portion of the morning. Last and perhaps most important are the field training exercises in which the juniors will participate: a land navigation practical exercise, RIBPIN-X, and the Battalion FTX. These three weekends will give the juniors valuable field experience and a chance to develop their tactical skills.

What worries do this year's MS IIIs have as camp approaches? Cadet Gregg Massa's main concern is staying healthy over the course of the six weeks at Fort Bragg: "I just want to make sure that I'm in good enough physical condition to avoid injury."

C/CSM Andy Scarcella added that aside from the usual anxiety that everyone will have going into camp, he doesn't have any major worries. "The training we get here at Notre Dame is as good or better than what cadets at other schools are getting, so I feel we'll be well prepared as a class." One view that most juniors share is that camp may actually be easier than their current training. Given the fact that they won't have the added burden of balancing ROTC with a full course load, the juniors will be able to devote one hundred percent of their energy to training.

Whatever their worries, one thing is sure for this year's MS IIIs: with a good attitude and hard work in the remaining weeks of the semester, they will be primed for success at Camp Challenge 1993.

Shamrock Quiz

When's the last time
Captain Tyler had a date?

The Annual Dining In





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