From the commander

Battalion takes it to the next level

By any measure, it’s been an amazing year for the Screaming Bison Battalion, and my family and I were honored to have been a part of it. Arriving in July 2006, we were immediately felt to be a part of the Bloomington and Indiana University families, and we are already a little sad that we are almost a third of the way through our assignment here.

Prior to coming to IU, I went to school on the program, the school, and their shared histories and traditions and could not believe how blessed I was to be selected to be a PMS at such a distinguished school, with such a long and glorious heritage. I have indeed “gone native” and now consider myself a Hoosier through and through.

The Screaming Bison Battalion had many accomplishments this year. Among them:

• Ranger Challenge — We destroyed the competition this year at Brigade Ranger Challenge. We went into the final 10km road-march with an insurmountable lead — could have literally walked it on in last and still won. How did the team respond to knowing they had the contest locked up? They finished strong with another win. Overall, we managed a tally of five event wins, two second-place finishes, and one third-place finish, missing the top three in only one event out of nine that weekend. This marks the fifth consecutive year we’ve finished in the top three at Ranger Challenge. We have hope for another successful year as six of our nine starters are returning.

• Pershing Rifles continued its long record of support to Indiana University and the Bloomington communities, presenting the national and state colors at more than 50 events this year. A re-energized recruitment and pledge process has 8 PR members returning next year, the healthiest it’s been in years.

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IU wins grant to train future military officers in strategic languages

May 7, 2007 BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—Indiana University has been selected to receive a two-year federal grant for $481,630 to provide strategic language and culture training to undergraduate students in Reserve Officer Training Corps programs. The Institute of International Education, on behalf of the National Security Education Program of the U.S. Department of Defense, selected IU’s ROTC Strategic Languages and Cultures Program to participate in this new initiative, which aims to improve the abilities of future military officers to speak and understand strategic languages and cultures. The languages covered by IU’s program are Arabic, Russian, and the Central Asian languages Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Pashto, Tajik, Turkmen, Uyghur, and Uzbek. The co-principal investigators are Henry R. Cooper Jr., professor of Slavic languages and literatures, and Paul M. Foster Jr., director of the Center for Languages of the Central Asian Region and professor of Slavic languages and literatures. “This grant allows IU to craft innovative approaches, including new curricula and enhanced use of distance learning technologies, that respond to the needs of the U.S. government recognizes as critical now and in the future,” Foster said. Under IU’s program, up to 25 ROTC cadets enrolled at IU or other universities will receive scholarships to study a strategic language and culture at IU’s intensive summer language workshop, during which the cadets will complete a year’s worth of training in eight-to-nine weeks. After the summer workshop, IU’s program will provide the ROTC cadets with additional funding to continue language and culture training in the 2007-08 academic year, either at IU, in language programs at their home universities, or through distance education courses provided by IU faculty. IU’s program, which will be directed by Gene Coyle, adjunct professor at the School of Public and Environmental

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Explore ways to help

What have you done for the cadets at our IU Army ROTC Program lately? I know how much we all owe to the program, and I know how little time we all have to devote to supporting such activities from our past. As you reflect on your professional successes, I challenge you to look back at the programs that supported you and to find any program more beneficial than the Army ROTC Program at IU. Just think: leadership, management, physical training, organizational development, camaraderie, interpersonal skills, and tactical, strategic, and operational thinking — just to name a few of the advantages the program offered you. Then think: what can I do to help the cadets? They have improved their leadership standing and they have improved in mission production. They have better grades, LDAC scores, and physical fitness test results.

We have a Military Science Endowment in the IU Foundation that needs your financial support. The cadets could use your experience and perspective, and we could have a Mentor/Protégé program. The IU Army ROTC Little 500 Team needs your support. We have a men’s and a women’s team. They need equipment and uniforms, for starters. See the separate article on Little 500 in this newsletter.

As you all know, it is important to stay in touch with IU. Professional, two-way communication benefits everyone. Many of you belong to school/department alumni organizations and we can offer the IU Army ROTC Alumni Association, all of which are affiliated with the IUAA. Whether you served on Active Duty, in the Guard, or in the Reserve, we want to hear from you. Tell us about yourself and your experience and anything of interest. We may publish it or just put it in the archives, but we want to hear how ROTC affected your life and the lives of your families and friends. All veterans and military retirees helped win the last wars and we will help win the next wars, by supporting the front lines. Tell us how you can help the program that gave you your start.

Speaking of starting something ... have you heard about the new Strategic Languages Initiative at IU Army ROTC? Some of our cadets are getting federal funding support for much-needed language training at IU. They will go on to support language-speaking personnel requirements in Army units worldwide. See the separate article on this great new program in this newsletter. Please tell everyone you know about it and tell them about the Army ROTC Program at IU, as well. The focus is on leadership of excellence. The program is great, and you can be proud to support it and the cadets in it. You can also help recruit cadets. Take a high school senior or a college student to Bloomington and let the IU Army ROTC cadets show you and the student around. You will be a better mentor, and you must know a prospective protégé or can find one on campus.

Thank you for your service and for your support. The IU Army ROTC Program needs you. Let’s all do our part to make a great program even better.

— Bob Jones, LTC, USA, Retired (IU Class of ’69)
President, IU Army ROTC Alumni Association

2007 Summer training: Indiana University Army ROTC cadets

**Airborne School, Fort Benning, Ga.**

The purpose of the Basic Airborne Course is to qualify the volunteer in the use of the parachute as a means of combat deployment and to develop leadership, self-confidence, and an aggressive spirit through mental and physical conditioning. Airborne soldiers have a long and distinguished tradition of being an elite body of fighting men and women — people who have always set the example for determination and courage. When you volunteer for this training, you accept the challenge of continuing this tradition. The Airborne soldiers of the past set high standards — it is now up to you to maintain them:

- Cadet Andrew Baer
- Cadet Jeffrey Klobucar
- Cadet Ryan Shields
- Cadet Brandon Lapehn

**Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Ky.**

Air Assault School is a 10-and-a-half-day course that teaches Air Assault techniques and procedures and qualifies soldiers to wear the Air Assault Badge. Air Assault school deals with making soldiers qualified to conduct airborne helicopter operations. Proper sling load techniques, knots, and fast roping are among the things taught there.

- Cadet Daniel Hankins

**CTLT program**

The CTLT program is a leader-development initiative and a catalyst to recruit, retain, and ultimately commission high-quality cadets as second lieutenants. The CTLT Platoon Leader Program consists of platoon leader positions identified by active Army, Army Reserve, and National Guard units both CONUS and OCONUS. Non-SMP MSL-III cadets are assigned to the CTLT Platoon Leader Program by their PMS and must successfully complete the Leader Development and Assessment Course before proceeding to their assigned position. Cadets are assigned for a period of three weeks with CONUS units and four weeks with OCONUS units. Cadets receive an Officer Evaluation Report upon completing the platoon leader assignment.

- Cadet Andrew Syzek — Bamberg Germany
- Cadet Amanda Paul (nurse) — Germany
- Cadet Michael Putterill — Korea
- Cadet John Nance — Fort Bragg, N.C.
- Cadet Jennifer Jessee — Fort Lee, Va.

IU Army ROTC places 4th best in the nation at LDAC, with a 62% Excellent Rating!
Pershing Rifles
Out with the old, in with the new

The old
Participating in their final Indiana University football game colorguard on Nov. 11, 2006, vs. Michigan University (34-3), seniors and newly commissioned second lieutenants John Donovan, Erik Hanson, and Stephen Lawson, as well as civilian Bradley Snyder, leave behind lasting memories and a tough act to follow.

Donovan, Hanson, and Lawson, who commissioned May 4, will be attending Basic Officer Leader Course 2 at Fort Sill, Okla., on June 3. Donovan, branched Infantry, will attend Basic Officer Leader Course 3 at Fort Benning, Ga., upon graduation from BOLC 2. Hanson, branched Signal Corps, will attend BOLC 3 at Fort Gordon, Ga., upon graduation from BOLC 2, while Lawson, branched Corps of Engineers, will attend BOLC 3 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., upon graduation from BOLC 3. Last, senior Bradley Snyder will be attending IU for one more year, graduating in May 2008 with a BS in computer science. In the meantime, Snyder will be involved with an internship program with Northrop Grumman Inc., a software development firm.

The new
Even with the heavy loss of four Pershing Rifle Actives, freshly motivated inductees into Company A-3 replace the void. New initiates Daniel Hankins (PR/sergeant), Amanda Fisher (PR/sergeant), Kevin Heaton (PR/second lieutenant), and James Hodges (PR/second lieutenant) passed the spring training process, while actives Rachelle Van Hoy (PR/first lieutenant), Nick Banich (PR/first lieutenant), Darron Salzer (PR/sergeant first class), and Andrew Keithley (PR/master sergeant) were inducted in the fall.

Company goals for fall 2007
Future success of Company A-3 depends primarily on amplified recruiting efforts. Moreover, fundraising for company uniforms and equipment maintenance will precede the previous. Through intense weekly training and a strong sense of dedication, Company A-3 will live up to the demands of Indiana University, IU Army ROTC, and the founder of Pershing Rifles, Gen. John J. Pershing.

— PR/1st Sgt. John Nance

Seniors ready for the future

The class of 2007 returned to IU in August after a successful summer at our capstone training event, the Leader Development Assessment Course, at Fort Lewis, Wash. The new seniors assumed the roles of the officers in the cadet battalion, from commander down to platoon leader, providing direct mentorship for the MSIIIs and enforcing the standards established by our new professor of military science, Lt. Col. Eric Arnold. The many challenges we experienced this year have given us new perspectives on the military, leadership, and life.

Specifically, the 15 MSIIIs who served as battalion leadership this year were responsible for planning and executing all the battalion’s various events, from PT three days a week, to our weekly training labs, on to larger events like the annual military ball and the fall and spring field training exercises. Furthermore, many seniors participated in extracurriculars such as the IU Mini-Marathon, IU Sing, and IU Dance Marathon fundraising events; social and honor fraternities; Ranger Challenge and Pershing Rifles; the Little 500 bike race. The MSIIIs did all this while balancing studies, National Guard training obligations, and social lives.

As Col. Arnold has often said, our class is different from those of previous years; there is not a single member who did not sign up or reenlist during a time of war. Every one of my classmates has volunteered knowing full well what lay in store for them after commissioning. The fact that this class can expect to be leaders in combat within months of graduation has not diminished the commitment the class of 2007 has felt both to the cadets and to the university here at IU.

The 20 new second lieutenants who will commission this spring and summer are the next generation of warrior leaders — I am proud to have served beside them for the last four years and would not hesitate to do so for the next 20, wherever we are called to serve our nation.

— Cadet Commander John J. Donovan
Self-discovery and self-growth — Cdt. Nick Banich

Self-discovery and self-growth. In retrospect, these are the two words I would use to describe my MS-I year in the Bison Battalion. From the onset, I could sense that the cadre was there to push me to new levels and develop me into a leader. The MS-I year, really, is a transition time. Not much stress is put on a cadet within the program, as the emphasis is on one’s grades.

What shocked me the most, however, was how accepting the more senior cadets were toward us “new guys.” Often when we would show up with our equipment “jacked up,” they would offer some advice on how to fix it, or when one of us seemed confused at was going on, they gave a quick explanation. This really helped me along and aided in my decision to contract at the end of the semester.

Within ROTC, there are several opportunities to get involved in activities in the battalion. One of these is the military fraternity, Pershing Rifles. PR, as it is commonly referred to, specializes in Drill and Ceremony and performing Color Guards. By joining this group, it strengthened friendships I had already developed within the battalion and afforded me leadership positions even as a freshman.

— Cadet Nick Banich, MS-I

MS-I year was memorable year. While at times I did not enjoy the early mornings, I wouldn’t have been happier doing anything else. I am a long way from who I was at the end of high school, and most of this can be attributed to ROTC. While the transition was not easy at times, I have no doubt I would do it over, given the chance. The development I went through, friends made, and lessons learned will be with me for the remainder of my college years and my future as an officer in the U.S. Army.

Cadet news

Lt Gen. Anthony R. Jones guest speaker at 2007 Commissioning


Jones is a native of Washington, Ind., and was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry after earning his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University in June 1970 where he was an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate. Jones is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. He holds a master’s degree in systems management from the University of Southern California. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army General Staff Badge, the Joint Staff Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Ranger Tab. Jones is married to Nancy (Erwin), and they have three daughters: Regan Hartney, Erin Armstrong, and Holly.
The Bison Battalion introduced a new training competition during the 2006–07 school year. On Feb. 17–18, 2007, Indiana University ROTC hosted testing for the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency. This is a foreign award that is authorized for wear on the army dress uniform.

Individual competitors from schools in Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan as well as National Guard soldiers took part in the competition, which was hosted at Indiana University and Camp Atterbury, under the watchful eye of German Sergeant-Major Karl-Heinz Grenzebach of the German Armed Forces Liaison Staff at Fort Knox. The competition included such events as a 200-meter swim, a 5-kilometer run, shot-put, high jump, and a pistol shoot, and it ended with an 18-mile road march, all conducted over two days.

This event was a great success, with more than 100 cadets and soldiers earning the badge. It also allowed the various programs to work together in an atmosphere of friendly competition and some camaraderie, as the pistol shoot and road march were conducted in 10–20 degree weather. Cold but smiling, the awardees promised to prepare their fellow cadets and soldiers for next year’s competition, which will be held at IU in February.

It is exciting and sometimes trying to be the first nursing cadet to graduate from IU. I am the “guinea pig,” and it is a learning process where I have to work closely with cadre to be able to balance ROTC and my nursing classes. This year I was able to manage both ROTC and nursing with few conflicts. However, next fall is supposed to be the hardest and most time-consuming, and I know I will be missing lab, PT, and some class time. It will be even more of a balancing act next year because I want to give equal amounts of time to both organizations.

I feel like I am more mature than some of my peers — I think it’s because I’m older and ROTC has given me more responsibility and a chance to be a leader. I am extremely grateful to have received a nursing scholarship because I am from out of state. The scholarship covers full tuition, books, lab fees, and most nursing supplies that are required for my courses.

I am so excited to be in nursing and ROTC, and I look forward to the upcoming years. However, it will be hard to be at IU for a total of six years and see my friends leave and graduate over the course of the next two years. My only regret is that I did not make my decision to do Army ROTC and nursing earlier in my college career — better late than never!

— Amanda Paul

IU Army ROTC hosted new training competition

Nursing cadet forges new paths

2007 Army ROTC scholarship recipients

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Guyer says farewell — and do well!

I want to thank Indiana University ROTC cadre and cadets for an awesome two years. I will always be a “Screaming Bison” in my heart. The IU ROTC program is first-rate and is developing excellent future officers. Even though some of the past MS-IVs and present MS-IVs (after LDAC) at certain times tried to increase my grey hair count, I applaud your hard work, dedication, and patriotism. You are the future of the U.S. Officer Corps!

Now, LDAC-bound IU ROTC cadets — I still expect you to be excellent at LDAC this year. However, I am already talking “A Game Time” to the Capital Warrior BN MS-IIIIs going to LDAC this year. So, you better not half-step at LDAC or you may get embarrassed the next time that I see you. Also, you may want to advise the future MS-IIIIs that unless they carry on your high standards, IUPUI (Capital Warriors) will have the highest (E) percentage at LDAC next year.

Nevertheless, I salute IU ROTC and want to thank all for the good times and memories. HOOAH!

— Lt. Col. Steve Guyer

MSG Joseph Sanford

I am the new senior military instructor. For the last five years, I was with Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 10th Mountain Division (LI), Fort Drum, N.Y. I was the first sergeant in Alpha Company for two years and was deployed to Iraq for the second time. The year before, I was a platoon sergeant in Alpha Company and was deployed to Afghanistan.

After 20 years of service, I look forward to inspiring these young leaders to lead from the front, to be aggressive, and to never stop learning the tricks of their trade. IU ROTC is an outstanding program that can only get better with time. The military is a very noble profession — my hat’s off to all of you who have served this great country of ours and to those who support our soldiers.

— Master Sgt. Joseph Sanford
Senior Military Instructor

Capt. Bruce Baltis

Capt. Bruce Baltis joined the IU ROTC team in November 2006. A former enlisted soldier with the 101st Airborne (AASLT), Baltis is an OCS graduate. He is currently the commander of HHC, 1-293rd Infantry of the Indiana National Guard. He is married and has two children.

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— Julie Fulton
Administrative Technician — COMTek

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Tony Smithson replaces Patty Kirkman

Tony Smithson is the new human-resources technician who replaced Patty Kirkman in July 2006. Smithson joined the Air Force on June 6, 1986. He completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, on July 21, 1986. He completed the personnel tech school at Keesler AFB, Miss., on Sept. 10, 1986. His first assignment was Spangdahlem Air Base Germany from October 1986 to October 1989. While at Spangdahlem, he was a manning control clerk, classification and training specialist, and security police augmentee. His next assignment was to Headquarters, Military Airlift Command at Scott AFB, Ill., from October 1989 to June 1994. While stationed at HQ MAC (and later HQ Air Mobility Command) he was an assignment NCO responsible for managing 10,000+ personnel resources at MAC and AMC locations around the globe.

Smithson’s next assignment was to the Pentagon, where he worked for the administrative assistant to the secretary of the Air Force from June 1994 to June 1997. While at the Pentagon, he was responsible for all military personnel functions for the secretary’s staff, including assignments, promotions, and reorganizations. After leaving the Pentagon, he went to Indiana University to be the NCOIC, Personnel, Air Force ROTC Detachment 215, from June 1997 to April 2003. His last assignment on active duty was back to Scott Air Force Base as the chief, Air Force Manpower and Personnel, HQ U.S. Transportation Command, from April 2003 to June 2006.

Master Sgt. Smithson retired on Sept. 1 2006, with 20 years, two months, and 25 days. While on active duty, he earned the Defense Meritorious Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, four Air Force Commendation Medals, and two Air Force Achievement Medals. He was a distinguished graduate from the personnel tech school, the NCO Preparatory Course, and the NCO Leadership School. He earned a bachelor of science in business management and human resources from Park University. Smithson and his wife, Joyce, and their two sons, Jordan and Jacob, make their home in Spencer, Ind.

Indiana National Guard recruitment

Hello, Bison Battalion! What an awesome place to continue my military career in representing the Army ROTC program and the Indiana National Guard at the same time. As the new SMP coordinator for the Indiana National Guard, I have the privilege of working alongside our scholarship and enrollment officer, Maj. Todd Tinius, and I am enjoying the exciting pace of helping build Army leaders. I was originally scheduled to start my career here at IU on August 1, 2006, but was not sent until October 1, 2006, which you may have read about in last year’s newsletter.

I have served in the military for more than 23 years with a variety of positions, such as gunnery sergeant for Field Artillery battery, construction equipment repairer, administrative specialist, recruiting and retention NCO, station NCOIC, and team NCOIC in recruiting. One of the greatest passions in my life is my family: my wife, Marcia, daughters Kaleigh and Kristen, and my son, Keith. If I’m not recruiting new cadets and ensuring our other cadets are taken care of, I am with my family.

Your recruiting team is driven by our passion to do the right thing for each student that we come into contact with here at IU. Maj. Tinius and I work as a team to ensure this campus and this state are saturated with the current information about Army ROTC. Our program currently has about 50 SMP cadets. You might be asking, “What does a SMP make in 2007?”

As an SMP cadet in Indiana National Guard, a student can draw full tuition and approximately $1,200 per month in income. So if you know of any young college students looking for a career, give the recruiting team a call or e-mail. Go Bison!

— Sgt. 1st Class Ray Hughes
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Letter to Indiana University Cadets:

Greetings from Baghdad! I’m writing to express my gratitude to the cadets of Indiana University for making the difficult choice to serve our country. Actually, the choice you all have made extends much deeper than that. You are choosing to serve America during a very difficult time in her history — a time when she needs you most.

You are clearly making a choice that your peers did not. Not only do they choose not to serve, but many actively stand in opposition to your decision to serve. As you continue your training and look forward to your commission, I personally charge you to be proud of your sense of duty and commitment to the nation. Leading America’s sons and daughters is a privilege like no other.

Be confident in the training you are receiving at IU. I received my commission nearly 12 years ago. My training and preparation in the IU ROTC program prepared me well for the many challenges I have experienced during my career. My foundation as a leader was formed and molded through my training and education at IU.

I’m currently serving as an operational planner with Headquarters, Multi-National Corps Iraq in Baghdad. MNC-I sits at a particularly unique position that bridges the gap between strategic and tactical warfare. My duties as a future operations planner provide an opportunity to interact with senior military leaders, government officials (Iraqi and Coalition), and our tactical leaders conducting operations on the ground. I have been afforded first-hand, on-location planning opportunities in several areas throughout Iraq, and I have briefed and interacted with ambassadors, ministers, generals, and other government officials. IU helped prepare me for the complex and challenging issues I face each day here. Be assured that you will be prepared too.

Finally, it’s important that you understand what is expected of you as a newly commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. I admit that more is expected of you than when I entered the active force in 1995. We are a nation and Army at war, and many of you will play a key role in this struggle from the first day you pin on the gold bar. I know you will rise to the occasion. Stand tall. Be proud. Go Hoosiers!

— MAJ Christopher Compton, HHC, III Corps, serving in Iraq

Life after Indiana University

After graduating and commissioning in May 2005, I spent the summer working in an orthopedics surgical lab for a northern Indiana-based orthopedics company. In early August, I relocated to Indianapolis and began my first year of medical school at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Once school began, I quickly gained a deeper appreciation for the time management and organizational skills that I had developed in college, and especially those developed as a part of the Army ROTC program. Something I discovered very early in my first year, which was a great surprise to me, was that medical school is really not conceptually difficult; it is just a lot more work. Like the transition from high school to college, one discovers that beyond the expected increase in difficulty that is part of moving up to another level of education, the biggest challenge is developing a balance between work, study, and personal time. I feel strongly that having had the ROTC, and other extracurricular activities to balance, in addition to school work, helped me find a balance and make the transition to the work load of a medical school with greater ease than many of my classmates.

During the first year of school we studied gross anatomy — with cadaveric dissection — physiology, immunology, biochemistry, histology, and cell and molecular biology, among other topics in a curriculum designed to build a strong foundation in basic medical science. During our second year, we began to develop a greater understanding of pathological abnormalities, diagnosis, and treatment through such courses as genetics, pathology, pharmacology, neuroscience, and clinical medicine. Additionally, we examined patients several times a week to develop our physical diagnostic and interpersonal skills.

Between the first and second years of school, I attended the Medical Corps (HPS) Officer’s Basic Course at Fort Sam Houston, in San Antonio. My OBC was a short six-week course, with the focus on introduction to the Army Medical System. Events included the standard APFT, daily PT sessions, classroom instruction, and two FTX exercises. The FTX culminated with a mass-casualty exercise in which we were each assigned a role of several medical roles and helped manage the care and triage of wounded soldiers. In this exercise we focused on the care of soldiers from the point of injury on the battlefield, through their eventual treatment and medical evacuation.

The greatest challenge I faced in my first two years was adjusting to a life that temporarily consisted of studying, working, a work out, studying, sleeping, and more studying. I was surprised by how much of an adjustment it truly was and how often the “grass seemed greener” when I heard about the truly amazing things that my ROTC classmates were each accomplishing as new officers! In its own way, however, that also helped me keep perspective on life and allowed me to deal with the constant stress of medical school. No matter how difficult things may have seemed at the time, I found it difficult to stress too much about school when both my roommates and several of my best friends were somewhere in Iraq or Afghanistan fighting a war.

Thankfully though, the marathon days of studying are nearly at an end and will truly be over once I have taken STEP 1 of the USMLE (a three-part exam required for medical licensure) on June 6. Beginning June 13, I will start my third-year rotations and clinical clerkships, as well as an externship in a local emergency department. For my first rotation, I was assigned neurosurgery, so you all may want to wear your kevlars until after July 20, when I’ve moved on to my internal medicine rotation!

I hope to spend some time with a unit and to shadow a physician currently serving to see if I have what it takes to serve in that capacity. With any luck, the cards will all fall into place, but until then, here goes nothing! If anyone is interested in going to medical school and has any questions, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

— 1st Lt. Ryan P. Brennan, IU Army ROTC Class of 2005
Lessons learned in Army ROTC

Conquering the mountain that is the first year of law school has been one of the most challenging experiences of my life. Unlike the four years of undergraduate study, law school has truly put me to the test academically. Never before had I been thrust in an environment that constantly demanded such precise attention to detail and in-depth analytical reasoning. As a first-year law student, or “L” for short, I was forced to completely restructure the way my mind worked and to approach complex issues objectively. No other graduate program influences as many aspects within our society as the study of law, and I am looking forward to applying everything I have and will learn in law school toward a career in the Army JAG Corps.

The training and experience I have gained since receiving my commission as a second lieutenant through IU Army ROTC has helped me through the first year of law school more than I ever imagined. The training I received through ROTC developed a strong mental toughness in me that I quickly discovered was unmatched among my peers in law school. Between the constant “all-nighter” study sessions in the law library and the heaps of case law to pour over in preparation for class each day, I found that the experience I had gained through the Army gave me the distinct advantage and ability to persevere where many others had failed. Unlike the rest of my L class, I was used to operating effectively and efficiently during extended periods of little to no sleep — albeit in the classroom instead of the field.

I am currently working as a legal intern for the staff judge advocate with the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky. Within my first day in the JAG office, I was teamed up with a major who was in the midst of prosecuting a rape case. The legal research and writing skills I acquired in the first year of law school have already paid off as my work directly contributed to building the prosecution’s case.

Two months from now, I will be moving on to study international and human rights law in Croatia with the University of Zagreb School of Law. This unique opportunity to study abroad will benefit my development as an Army lawyer by greatly heightening my awareness of the relationship within the international community.

— 2nd Lt. Ryan McCormick

Alumni notebook

Because change is a constant in the armed services and in the world, the information in these alumni notes may have changed since submission.

Submitted in 2006

Terrill D. Albright, BA’60, JD’65, a partner at the law firm of Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis, was featured in Indiana Lawyer newspaper’s new special section, “Leadership in Law,” honoring lawyers who have made meaningful contributions to the profession.

A practicing trial lawyer for 40 years, Guy O. Kornblum, BA’61, is the principal of Guy Kornblum & Associates in San Francisco. He has been selected as a 2006 Northern California Super Lawyer by Law & Politics magazine and is a member of the Million Dollar Advocate’s Forum. Kornblum is also fellow of the American Academy of Trial Counsel, which limits its membership to 2,500 trial lawyers. He is a member of IU’s College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Advisory Board.

Robert R. Wylie, BA’61, MD’65, retired from his private medical practice in northwest Indiana in 2004. During his career, he interned at Tampa (Fla.) General Hospital from 1965–66 and in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. from 1966–68. Now living in Bloomington with his wife, Nancy, he enjoys IU sports, especially football and basketball. He has two daughters and one grandson.

Retired from the insurance industry, George H.G. Hall, BA’66, maintains a law practice and teaches insurance and law at Jacksonville (Fla.) University. He also serves as a national officer in the grand council of the Chi Phi fraternity and has been involved with the fraternity’s chapter in Bloomington, Ind. Hall can be contacted at ghal@ju.edu.

Richard D. Loft, BA’66, is retired after a 31-year career with the state of Oregon, where he served as a sociologist and in vocational rehabilitation, arbitration, and litigation. A musician, Loft is affiliated with the American Federation of Musicians Local 99 in Portland. Loft retired from active duty with the rank of U.S. Army captain. In recent years, he has participated in two percussion workshops at the University of Louisville School of Music in Kentucky. Loft and his wife, Janise, live in Salem, Ore.

Frank G. Dunten, BS’71, is a member at Dickinson Wright, where he is a corporate attorney at its Grand Rapids, Mich. office. He was recognized as one of “West Michigan’s Best Lawyers” in the 2006 issue of Grand Rapids Magazine and was named a West Michigan Legal Professional of the Year in 2006. Dunten serves as secretary of Goodwill Industries of Grand Rapids. He and his wife, Jennifer M. (Lloyd), BS’73, live in Grand Rapids.

Reggie D. Howell, BA’78, is a retired lieutenant after 28 years of service in the U.S. Army. He and his wife, Patti S. (Beck), BS’79, MS’96, live in Jeffersonville, Ind.

Col. Thomas A. Hardy, BS’79, was mobilized for active duty in the U.S. Army in September 2004. He returned to the states in November 2005 after a one-year tour in Iraq, serving as a battalion commander for the 620th Corps Support Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from St. Louis. Hardy now serves in the 326th Area Support Group of the Army Reserve, stationed in Kansas.

Donald J. Reed Jr., BA’79, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, received the Curtis H. “Butch” Straub Award for exemplary academic achievement and leadership from the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security. He received a master’s degree in security studies from the school in March 2006. He has relocated to Colorado Springs, Colo., where he is the defense support of civil authorities officer at the U.S. Northern Command.

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Husband and wife team Mark A. Carnell, BS’83, JD’05, and Jill S. Ferrill Carnell, JD’05, established the downtown Indianapolis law firm of Carnell & Carnell. Mark focuses on family-law issues and can be reached at mcarnell@carnelllaw.com. Jill focuses on estate-planning and probate and can be reached at jcarnell@carnelllaw.com.

Robert B. Huber, BS’85, was promoted to colonel in the U.S. Air Force and is the director of staff for the commandant of cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Lt. Col. Patrick M. Kelly, BA’85, is the deputy commander of the 37th training group at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Tracy Wythe, BA’85, is a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and a teacher. She recently moved to California and would like to meet new people. Wythe lives in Pleasanton and can be reached at tracy-wythe@hotmail.com.

Ariel E. Axelrod, BA’91, is a major in the U.S. Army. He married Robyn Joyce while they were barefoot on the beach in Vancouver, Canada. They are relocating to the Center Grove, Ind. area.

Michelle Clark Schalliol, BA’98, and Anthony J. Schalliol, BA’98, were relieved of active duty in 2002 and went on a six-month backpacking trip, touring U.S. national parks. They married, moved to Colorado, then California, and are now settled in Durham, N.C., with their son, Caleb.

Michael F. Carter, BA’99, writes, “I spent five years in the U.S. Army as a signal communications officer. Most of my time was spent in the special operations and forces community, ending in January 2005 with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, [as] a captain. I made four trips to Afghanistan from July 2002 to May 2004. I now work for a small-bone orthopedic company, OsteoMed. I am an extremity specialist in Columbia, S.C., selling orthopedic hardware to foot, ankle, and hand surgeons.”

U.S. Army Capt. Adrienne R. Barker, BA’02, returned from her second tour of duty in Iraq. Barker serves with the 440 Signal Battalion and is stationed in Germany. She was a platoon leader in 2003 and was the deployment officer for the battalion’s recent redeployment. She received a bronze star during her recent Iraq deployment. Her father, Felix M. Barker II, BA’70, BS’71, OD’73, is a professor and associate dean for research and academic development at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

Submitted in 2007

A former trustee of Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Ill., William E. Brattain, BS’60, MS’62, ReDir’64, ReD’67, received an honorary degree in connection with the 40th anniversary of the institution. Brattain served as trustee for 16 years and was elected chair four times.

Dan McConnell, BA’66, MS’68, is a senior vice president and managing director at DDB Worldwide Communications in Seattle. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Public Relations Society of America, the group’s highest honor. During his career, McConnell’s public-relations work helped Ted Turner promote the inaugural Goodwill Games in Russia. McConnell has counseled White House staff on media relations for Presidents Reagan and Clinton. He orchestrated the first live television satellite- transmission from the top of Mount Everest. He has also served as executive producer to an Emmy Award-winning PBS adventure documentary. McConnell and his wife, Jane (Brantlinger), BS’68, MS’75, live in Seattle.

In March John G. Baker, BA’68, JD’71, started his three-year term as chief judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals in Indianapolis. He was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals in 1989 by then-Gov. Evan Bayh, BS’78, LL’D’96. Since 1980 Baker has taught as an adjunct professor at IU’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He also taught for three years at the School of Law–Bloomington. He lives in Zionsville with his wife, Margaret “Peggy” Paul Baker, BA’67. She is a teacher at Carmel High School.

Milton R. Stewart, BA’68, JD’71, is a partner at the law firm of Davis Wright Tremaine in Portland, Ore. As special counsel to the executive vice president and general counsel of the New York-based AIG Corp., he is heading a project for AIG and taking a one-year leave of absence from his law firm. Stewart is on the board of directors of the IU Foundation.

Nolan W. Allen, BA’69, DDS’73, of Largo, Fla., is president-elect of the Florida Dental Association. He works in Clearwater.

Stephen A. Peterson, BA’70, MS’71, of Shawnee, Okla., writes, “On April 17, I retired from active military service as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve. I have been a member of the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve since being commissioned on June 8, 1970. I retired as a major general.” Also an author, Peterson has written five books in the past four years. His fifth book, Crossroads to Life and Living, was published in July 2006 by AuthorHouse in Bloomington, Ind.

Terri Rainbolt Kett, BS’85, is a multi-discipline-systems engineer with MITRE Corp. in McLean, Va. She was promoted to colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve in September and is assigned to the Joint Staff (J-1) at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Kett lives in Springfield, Va.

Since returning from Iraq in February 2006, Lt. Col. Tom Seifert, BA’88, has been assigned as the assistant chief of staff for personnel at the XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery at Fort Bragg, N.C. He lives in Fayetteville.
From the commander
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• The Bisons ran the German Armed Forces Badge for military proficiency for the brigade, resulting in 109 cadets from 14 programs receiving this DA approved badge. Of course, the battalion had the greatest number of gold badge recipients — nine. We will expand this program to 200 cadets next year.

Recruiting continues to go well; IU Army ROTC will exceed its mission for the fourth year in a row (as well as five of the last six years). Our incoming freshman class will have both quantity and quality — 21 high school seniors accepted our offers in the first two rounds. Average SATs are 1,238, average GPAs are 3.6, and nearly all of the candidates are varsity high school athletes. This, coupled with strong on-campus and national-guard markets, will make this year’s coming enrollment the largest we’ve had on campus in at least 10 years — we’re looking at 110 cadets next fall.

In quality metrics, IU continues to improve as GPAs get better, mentoring makes strides, and cadets prepare for LDAC (new word for Advanced Camp). This year’s juniors are set to have one of the best summer performances at LDAC in a number of years — they are physically tough, prepared, and looking forward to the challenges they will face at Fort Lewis. Their campus APFT average is 269, well above Cadet Command averages.

I challenge all the alumni to stay in contact with us and let us know what you’re up to and where you are in your professional and personal lives. You are all welcome at the ROTC building in Bloomington at any time — jump or drop in. We’d be happy to show you the building and introduce you to some of our current cadets who are always hanging out.

If you want to know how you can help, many of our cadre positions are contractor positions, so you can actually make a significant contribution to the program as a cadre member, sharing your years of accumulated leadership experience with the next generation. Also, you can make a contribution to the IU Foundation in the name of ROTC. The program is in desperate need of room- and-board scholarships so we can remain competitive with many elite private institutions who are able to offer cadets room and board on top of the ROTC scholarship. The program also needs funds to remain competitive in IU Sing, Little 50, and Little 500, as government/university monies cannot be used for these activities; the Greek organizations have tremendous financial resources that make it difficult, at best, for our cadets to compete in these IU signature events.

It’s a great program, and with your support, it will only get better. I am exceedingly proud of all the program’s cadre, cadets, and supporters for making this a stellar year in the program’s history. I look forward to meeting many of you over the next couple years as you make your way back to Bloomington.

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Affairs, provides innovative ways to help ROTC cadets shoulder the challenge of studying languages and cultures not typically taught in high schools. The program provides cadets with scholarships, intensive language training in small classes, individual tutoring, and activities designed to inform the cadets of the importance of strategic language and culture training for U.S. national security and foreign policy. “The Department of Defense realizes that they need officers who are competent and fluent in these languages and cultures, and there are few places in the country other than IU that can teach them that,” said Kirk R. White, IU’s director of community relations and a National Guardsman who spent a year on active duty in Afghanistan. “This grant reinforces IU as a recognized, national resource for the strategic languages inside the Department of Defense.”

IU’s new program was crafted by the Strategic Languages and Cultures Task Force, which then President-elect Michael A. McRobbie created last fall to explore IU’s opportunities to strengthen its connections with the U.S. departments of State, Defense, and Homeland Security on language and culture education, training, and policy. As home to a record 10 international research centers that receive approximately $16 million in Title VI funding from the U.S. Department of Education, IU is well situated to partner with U.S. government agencies coping with challenges posed by strategic language and culture education.

“We wanted to find new ways to connect these academic assets with state and federal agencies that are finding an increased need for this type of knowledge,” McRobbie said.

Members of the IU Strategic Languages and Cultures Task Force in addition to Cooper, Foster, and White are David P. Fidler, professor of Law and director of the Center on American and Global Security, and William Fierman, professor of Central Eurasian studies and director of the Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center.

The task force received valuable support in the grant application process from IU’s ROTC commanders, Lt. Col. Eric D. Arnold, professor of military science, and Lt. Col. Lori M. Bass, now retired but then professor of aerospace studies, and from the departments of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Central Eurasian Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, and the College of Arts and Sciences.
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