From the president

Helping others ‘makes progress’

To All IU Army ROTC Alumni:

Last year I asked you “What have you done for the cadets at our Indiana University 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. Herman B Wells said, “It is not what you do that counts. It is what you help others do that makes progress.” To help all the cadets at our IU Army ROTC Program to progress, you can become a member of the IU Alumni Association or provide any level of financial support to the various Military Science Endowment Funds in the IU Foundation.

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 or department alumni organizations, and we can offer above, cadets stand in solidarity and raise their right hands at 2008 Commissioning.

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 ROTC experience. We may publish it or file it away for a future story, but we want to hear how IU Army ROTC affected your life and the lives of your families and friends. Tell us how you can help the Program that gave you your start.

Another way to help: please tell everyone you know about the Army ROTC Program at IU. Our focus is on a leadership of excellence, and you can be proud to support the program and its cadets. As you know, Army training prepares us for the eventualities of war.

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Our training program has one purpose — to produce second lieutenants who are confident, competent, adaptive and ready to lead small units immediately upon arrival at their first duty assignment. Our training approach: the cadre provides the training focus, direction, resources and evaluations. The MSL IV cadets, or seniors, prepare, plan and execute training to standard in accordance with the approved plan.

The Directed Military Science and Leadership courses are organized into five topical tracks: leadership, personal, developmental, values and ethics, officer- ship, and tactics and techniques. During a weekly lab, cadets apply the 16 leadership dimensions learned in the classroom. Those leadership dimensions include mental, military-bearing, emotional, conceptual, interpersonal, technical, tactical, communicating, decision-making, motivating, planning, executing, assessing, developing, building, and learning. For mastery of their tactical skills, cadets also participate in two field training exercises. One exercise occurs during the fall semester and the other in the spring. In addition, all cadets conduct physical fitness training three days a week.

Collectively, the core courses, fitness training, leadership dimensions, and field exercises prepare our cadets for commissioning and produce leaders capable of meeting any challenge.

Each cadet can volunteer to participate in a three-day ranger challenge competition and a three-day German Efficiency Badge testing. Our MS IV cadets also have the opportunity to conduct a staff ride to a historical battle site.

At top, cadets complete a Sept. 27 lab exercise. Above, members of the second platoon work with a training officer during spring Fitness Training Exercises (FTX).

While all instruction is important, the MSL III (junior) year is the most critical and becomes the center of gravity that drives labs, FTXs, and essentially everything we do. Our goal is to prepare the MSL III cadets for the Leader Development and Assessment Course.

LDAC is the most important training event for an Army ROTC cadet. This 33-day training event, held at Fort Lewis Washington, incorporates a wide range of subjects designed to develop and evaluate leadership ability. The training is rigorous and demanding, both mentally and physically. LDAC tests a cadet’s intelligence, common sense, ingenuity, and stamina. It provides a new perspective on the individual’s ability to perform exacting tasks and to make difficult decisions promptly in demanding situations. Those that fail at LDAC are not commissioned.

LDAC reflects the school’s training progress and is a good indicator of the program’s success. Thanks to Professor of Military Science LTC Eric Arnold, our program ranks fourth in the nation among 272 ROTC programs. Proof of our outstanding program includes:

- 62 percent of our cadets received an excellent rating at LDAC. The national average is 22 percent.
- First place two years running for ranger challenge competition.
- Each year our program continues to grow.
- Our program is repeatedly tasked to host key training events because we “get” it.

Our success did not happen by chance. It is a direct result of well planned, tough, realistic, and challenging training. — LTC Henry Banker, Training Officer
Bison cadets prepared for bright future

As the 2007–08 school year comes to a close, I am proud to say that it was a successful year in every aspect. During summer 2007, the seniors set the tone by ranking fourth in the nation at ROTC’s most important training event, the Leader Development Assessment Course in Fort Lewis, Wash.

Armed with the tools for success, the MSIVs assumed their cadet officer roles within the battalion. The MSIVs worked as a team to plan and execute battalion training events such as PT three times a week, weekly training labs, and fall and spring Field Training Exercises. However, the MSIV leadership took ROTC beyond training. Much attention was geared toward the development and success of the battalion’s up and coming leaders. Extra PT, study barracks, and mentorship were emphasized as a means to improve grades, physical fitness, and leadership ability. I would also like to recognize the excellence of the many extracurricular activities that ROTC offers. IU cadets participated and excelled in teams and events such as Ranger Challenge, Peshing Rifles, IU Sing, Little 50, Little 500, German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency, and many more.

Our goal all year has been to prepare the MSIIIs for LDAC while at the same time familiarizing the MSIs and MSIVs with the life of an ROTC cadet. The younger cadets are the future of the Bison Battalion and it is the duty of the MSIVs to ensure that future is bright.

I am proud to say that all of the new second lieutenants had the sense of duty and personal courage to raise our right hand as leaders in a time of war. As many of the seniors face the very real possibility of leading soldiers into combat, know that I would willingly serve with every one of my fellow classmates because all of them would do the same for me.

In closing, I would like to thank the cadre and families for their support and guidance throughout my memorable ROTC career. — Cadet Battalion Commander Andrew T. Syzek

Intern report

Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Ranking Member Sen. Richard Lugar

As an intern, I attended think tank forums and congressional hearings, researched material to be used in legislation, and organized filing cabinets. I wrote memos, filled printers with paper, sat in on staff briefings, and hand delivered letters. By filing thirteen years of paperwork for one of the staffers I was able to observe the origin and history of the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction program.

Started shortly after the collapse of the Soviet Union, CTR is a program whose goal is to secure and dismantle weapons of mass destruction in the former Soviet states. Senator Lugar recognized the threat of terrorism well before the attacks of September 11th.

By attending certain think tank discussions (and writing memos for staffers) I was able to better understand the strategic, environmental, and economic necessity for the U.S. to achieve energy independence—one of Senator Lugar’s top priorities. As Senator Lugar has said, reducing dependence will not only lead to the elimination of our economic and military vulnerabilities to the “oil autocracies,” but it will also reduce global warming and create American jobs in the farming, manufacturing, engineering, and transportation sectors. Finally, I was able to witness firsthand the collegial way Senator Biden’s majority and Senator Lugar’s minority staff worked together on the committee. In a Congress marked by partisanship, the congeniality and readiness to work together to address pressing issues was certainly unexpected. — David Huffman, MS-IV Cadet

SMP Program

IU’s Simultaneous Membership Program is thriving academically, physically, and in total quality. SMP’s make up over 50 percent of the total cadet population at IU. In accordance with current ARNG policy, cadets are not a mobilization asset to the Indiana National Guard which allows their full participation with ROTC. We will be able to produce lieutenants for the Army without possible deployments while in school.

Our SMP market throughout the state has been slow recently due to the many deployments of the Indiana National Guard. We understand that the mission of the guard must come first for many soldiers. This year we commissioned seven new Army National Guard lieutenants and expect to commission 11 new lieutenants in 2009. Please help us by telling your friends, family, unit members, and your neighbors about the many opportunities in becoming an SMP at IU.

For more information, contact: SFC Roy A. Hughes, IU SMP Coordinator by e-mail at hughesra@indiana.edu or by phone at (812) 855-6168.

Keep in touch!
Visit www.indiana.edu/~rotc.
2007–08 successes showcase leadership, potential

Cohesion and camaraderie are two of the key aspects of any prosperous organization. When team members work together, the combined efforts drastically outweigh those of a group of individuals. Leaders must learn to guide and direct their peers while simultaneously maintaining unit cohesion and camaraderie.

The Indiana University Bison Battalion is comprised of cadets with great leadership potential. By both leading and following, Indiana University cadets have gained excellent leadership experience. Each cadet has experienced leadership roles in which his or her voice is the only one heard. On the other hand, each cadet has also had the opportunity to follow, to learn to listen, and to pay close attention to detail. As a whole, the Bison Battalion has excelled throughout this academic year in numerous aspects. By sweeping the 2007 9th Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition and successfully administering the German Armed Forces Military Proficiency Badge, IU cadets raised the bar for ROTC standards.

In order to further our accomplishments, we must raise the topic of the ever-so anticipated Leadership Development Advanced Course. Over the long summer of 2007, 21 IU cadets ventured to Fort Lewis, Wash., to enjoy the comfortable bunks and forest floors so graciously provided for rest and relaxation. All sarcasm aside, 13 of these 21 cadets came away from camp with an overall rating of “excellent,” making IU no. 4 in the nation.

Landes rounds a corner at Squad Stakes. This alone displays the vast amount of knowledge and skill gained by becoming a part of this great organization.

You fight as you train. This short, simple sentence has been repeated over and over again throughout our training. If we remain focused and motivated during exercises and classes, we can all excel and achieve our goals. The ultimate goal of the ROTC Program is to commission excellent officers into the branch of their choice. Luckily, the two largest factors which affect underclassmen branch selection are the Army Physical Fitness Test score and course GPA; both completely self-controlled. Underclassmen must be dedicated to success and train hard in order to obtain both the academic and physical scores that they desire. As a final message to the underclassmen, keep pushing for your goals, continue to train on your own, and drive on. —Cadet Brandon Landes, Incoming Cadet Battalion Commander

Perspectives

IU and ROTC: winning decisions

Indiana University was not my first-choice school. In fact, I didn’t give it much consideration at all until I received a call from LTC Arnold inviting me to visit the school and the program. From the first time I walked on campus with my father in October of my senior year of high school, I knew that IU was where I belonged. Seeing the program only reinforced this decision, and as I compete my first year as a cadet and student, I am convinced that I made the right choice.

The year was a blur for me. In addition to normal ROTC events and FTXs, I participated in Ranger Challenge, Pershing Rifles, the Norwegian Road March, German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency, and Little 50. I found that, by involving myself in the program, I developed more and more into the person I wanted to be.

Ranger Challenge put me in the best shape of my life and gave me the opportunity to be on a winning team as we swept the competition at Camp Atterbury. The Norwegian Road March and GAFBMP also challenged me physically and, together with Ranger Challenge, gave me valuable experience with many skills critical to being a soldier. In addition, I had the privilege of running on Army ROTC’s Little 50 team. Finishing fourth, we pushed ourselves to the breaking point and improved on last year’s finish, making our efforts well worth the while. (continued on page 8)
IU Army ROTC conquers 4th Ranger Challenge

Ranger Challenge is the varsity sport of ROTC. It consists of nine- and five-man teams competing in day/night land navigation; a physical training test; a HMWWV (hummer) pull; first aid; obstacle course; litter carry; weapons assembly/disassembly; one rope-bridge; and six mile road march. The fall competition takes place annually at Camp Atterbury. Indiana University’s ROTC nine-man team has won three of the past four years and the five-man team won in 2007. The 2008 team looks promising as well, with 14 previously participating cadets returning to compete.

The training schedule is strenuous, and it takes a highly motivated cadet to undertake a full class load of at least 12 credit hours along with the training needed to participate in the competition. Cadets train four days out of the week on the events, with a focus on physical training for an hour and a half to two hours per day. Also, during the course of the season, the cadet trains at Camp Atterbury to become more proficient at the specific events.

For new cadets, this is a great experience to form a strong physical base and to become familiar with the other cadets on the team. Cadets enjoy the camaraderie and the challenges they confront and overcome but, more important, they enhance proficiency at specific skills that will guide them throughout their military careers.

This year’s team is looking to bring home a third title under the leadership of veteran cadets Hodges, Baer, Waechter, Landes, and Sutterfield, along with several other returning cadets. As a twice-winning participant and future coach of the 2008 team, I know that Ranger Challenge is a tough experience, but the rewards gained in the form of camaraderie, mental and physical stamina, and military knowledge made it a memorable, valuable, and enjoyable experience. — Cadet Nathan Tiffany

Little 50 team finishes strong

Little 50 is a 50-lap footrace that is put on by the Indiana University Student foundation during IU’s famous Little 500 weekend. This year’s Little 50 team had six members: James Hodges, Kevin Pavnica, Andrew Roberts, Andrew Baer, Nick Banich, and Mark Connelley.

The group started training for the race in January, just after the start of spring semester. As a result of our hard training and dedication to excellence we placed 6th in qualifications, even after a long weekend at our field training exercise. And, after looking at all of the teams that qualified with us, we decided that our goal for the race was to be one of the top three teams to finish.

Race day was a stormy April night, and because of this both the men’s and women’s race to be stopped in the middle due to thunder and lightning. At the time of delay, our team was about 20 laps in. We were in 4th place. Once the race started up again, we got hit with a lot of rain but no thunder or lightning, and we fell briefly back to 5th place halfway through the race but pushed through. With endurance and determination, we were able to get back to 4th place and start our hunt for top three once again. When the first team finished we had two minutes to finish the race, and we were about 100 meters away from the third place team.

We were catching up, but there just wasn’t enough time, and the finish saw us 30 meters short of catching the other team and accomplishing our goal.

Even though we were not able to accomplish our third-place goal, finishing 4th was an improvement from our teams placing last year. With harder training and more dedication, next year’s team should be able to accomplish the goal of making it into the top three. — Cadet Mark Connelley, Little 50 Team Captain
Perspectives

Three nursing candidates reflect on ROTC experience

Strong sense of self

When I moved to Bloomington, Ind., I was very self-motivated to present myself as a friendly, outgoing person that people could depend on. Classes began first semester, and I knew my academic challenge would be fulfilling the prerequisites for the nursing program. I began pledging to become a member of the Pershing Rifles color guard team and I volunteered for IU emergency medical services, but this hype started to wear thin on me around midterms.

My academics kept falling lower and lower on my list of priorities as I slowly gave up on my abilities. I focused more on fulfilling my requirements for the organizations I had become a member of and finding social acceptance among people to whom I could relate. I lost touch with my family, and went home to a single dorm room every night. My invincibility was making me unhappy and I knew I had to do something about it.

Just because I hit a bump in the road, I didn’t have to let it overcome me. I had a good attitude about adjusting my problems, and the cadre motivated me with great support. Second semester came, and I found a roommate to live with, I chose classes that were more satisfying, and I rewarded myself by spending time with friends after my priorities were taken care of. I was able to achieve my short-term goals because I was used to my routine, and I was happy while I was doing it. My freshman year of college was rewarding for me because of the obstacles I overcame.

If I could give advice to incoming freshmen, it would be to find a strong sense of yourself, set your goals high and achieve them, and nothing can stand in your way. It doesn’t matter how hard you try to please people, you will never be completely happy until you are able to please yourself. — Amanda Kress, MS-I Nursing Cadet

The first-year experience

My first day at Indiana University was so overwhelming. My parents and I drove up to my dorm: Eigenmann. It is one of the biggest dorms on campus with 14 floors! I didn’t think I would ever get used to it.

After my parents left, my floor had a meeting, which was where I met some of my first friends at Indiana University. We spent the first week on campus (also called welcome week) attending mixers and activities designed to help freshmen meet new people. The weekend following welcome week, all Army ROTC freshman went to Bradford Woods. The time there was my favorite experience of the whole week.

Then first semester started, and it was difficult making the transition between high school and college. I was overwhelmed with the requirements expected of me for nursing and Army ROTC. After a couple of weeks, I began making friends in my classes, and I started to get the hang of things. The first semester flew by with tailgating at football games and fall fitness training exercises. When second semester began, I became best friends with the other two nursing cadets in Army ROTC. There was so much to do second semester, including IU Sing, Little 500, basketball games, baseball games, and spring FTX.

My freshman year at IU was a year I will never forget. I had many new and amazing experiences, forged new friendships, and worked extremely hard on all my coursework. Applying for the nursing program is not easy, but now that I’ve turned in my application and completed an incredible interview, I feel amazing about myself, and I know I will be back at IU to continue my nursing degree. — Kira Robinson, MS-I Nursing Cadet

A good choice

In high school I couldn’t wait to go off to college. My ideas of college reflected how the experience was portrayed in movies — a place to party, meet friends, and sleep until noon. When I came to Indiana University, my whole idea about college was proven wrong. This is not necessarily a bad thing.

I joined the ROTC as a nursing cadet when I enrolled here at IU. As a member of the ROTC, I have to wake up at 5 a.m. for Physical Fitness and attend a class and lab once a week. At first I thought the commitment was going to be a little much for me, considering it was my first year of college, but I was up for the challenge.

Being a part of the ROTC is helping me attain my future goals and I know I will go far in life because of it. The program has helped me develop my leadership and interpersonal skills while also keeping me on my toes. It is also preparing me for my future in the career of nursing, because nursing requires leadership skills. Waking up at 5 a.m. and having class until 10 a.m. has taught me a lot about my responsibilities and personal goals.

I believe ROTC is a good choice for freshmen. I made friends through this program that I will have for a lifetime, and I gained knowledge that others lack. I know that being in the program will only help me in my future. Being in the ROTC program as a nurse cadet is important to me because I do not just want to be a regular nurse; I want to go above and beyond, and being in the military will let me experience more in 20 years than most experience in a lifetime. — Christina Anderson, MS-I Nursing Cadet
Welcome new cadre

Mendez Jermaine Frith

Mendez J. Frith was born on December 24, 1977, in St. Catherine, Jamaica, the second of four children. He lived in Jamaica until he was 15-years-old, then later moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. Seeing the patriotic opportunity to serve in the United States as well as to develop and grow as a person, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He attended Basic Training and AIT at Fort Sill, Ok. where he earned the Military Occupation Specialty as a 13B, Cannon Crewman.

In May 1997, Frith reported to his first duty station at Fort Drum, N.Y.; Alpha Battery 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery. He excelled in his duty positions rapidly and performed duties as a gunner, applying his skills with the M119 Howitzer. While there, he continued his education at New York’s Jefferson Community College. He completed the Primary Leadership Development Course and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in August 2000.

Frith was then re-assigned to 1st Battalion 7th Field Artillery in Schweinfurt, Germany. While assigned to this unit, he was deployed to Kosovo as a Howitzer Section Chief. He subsequently deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom II in February 2004, again as Howitzer Section Chief. His service in Iraq led to his change-of-duty position, a move to Gunnery Sergeant. Upon returning from OIF II, Frith was given the opportunity to excel as the 1st Platoon Sergeant.

His personal accomplishments include his induction into the prestigious Sergeant Morales Club in 2003, and his awards include the Army Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal (continued on page 8)

Sanford retires

Senior Military Instructor Master Sergeant Joseph Sanford is retiring and plans to return to his home state of New York to start a new life as a soybean and corn farmer with his father-in-law. Best of luck to Sanford and his family. He will be dearly missed.

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(3OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (SOLC), the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd award), National Defense Service Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon and the NATO Medal. His special skills badges are the Air Assault badge, the Expert Marksman-ship badge and the Combat Action badge.

Frith’s military education consists of BNCOC, PLDC, and CLS, in addition to 54 semester hours of college. His goals are to become battle-staff qualified and to become an instructor. His long-term goal is to become Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA).

And he plans to pursue his degree in computer programming. Frith also enjoys writing poetry, traveling, playing soccer, cooking and working out in the gym.

Michael J. Ashton

Captain Michael J. Ashton, BGS’02, began his Army career as a Private (E-1), serving as a medic for the 2-151st Infantry in the Indiana Army National Guard in February 1999. He received an honorable discharge as a Specialist (E-4) in order to accept a Second Lieutenant’s commission and begin an active-duty career. His first active-duty assignment was as an officer recruiter for the University of Notre Dame’s ROTC program, where he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for developing and implementing the unit’s first Student Liaison Program. That program resulted in increased involvement of ROTC on four local college campuses.

Ashton was then assigned to the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team at Ft. Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska. His first assignment was that of a Platoon Leader, where he led 20 soldiers, cavalry scouts, and counter-intelligence agents. In this assignment, Ashton was responsible for more than $9 million worth of equipment, including four Stryker Vehicles and ancillary equipment. While serving as a platoon leader, he graduated from Scout Leadership Course.

At his next assignment, Ashton served as a supply and logistics officer, leading 10 soldiers, supplies, and administrative personnel, and managing the daily operations of the Combat Trains Command Post. He also assisted in movement of all personnel and equipment in the 600-soldier squadron throughout deployments to Joint Task Force North, the Joint Readiness Training Center in Ft. Polk, Louisiana, and to Iraq. While at JTF North, Ashton ensured success in logistical planning for missions to secure the United States-Mexico border in support of the Department of Homeland Security.

After his JTF North assignment, Ashton was reassigned to a platoon leader position in order to lead combat operations along the Euphrates River Valley in Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He successfully led many combat patrols and was baptized by fire in the Al Anbar Province.

Ashton was promoted to captain in January 2006 and served as the assistant planning officer for the 4-14th Cavalry Squadron. In that role he was chosen to represent the squadron as a liaison officer and resident expert on Cavalry operations for the Second Marine Division. He later assisted the planning and presentation of organization operations when the unit was extended an moved to Baghdad.

Ashton’s awards include two Army Commendation Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, two Army Overseas Service Ribbons, and an Army Service Rib- bon. He has earned the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Marksmanship Badge, and the NRA Distinguished Expert Award. He is a graduate of Indiana University South Bend. At IUSB, he earned the Community Service Award for his participation in student government. He was also a member of the Jui Jitsu club and the East Racers running club. CPT Ashton has one daughter, Genevieve Elise Ashton, and resides in Bloomington, Ind.

Winning decisions
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Pershing Rifles provided me with a way to become involved in the university, as well as get great seats to sporting events. While challenging, the pledge process helped to improve my drill and ceremonies proficiency and build my confidence and command presence.

The fall and spring FTXs were quite an experience and gave me a taste of military life in the field. In the fall, I practiced basic squad tactics and orienteering skills. Spring FTX, through the experience of interacting with cadets from other schools, taught me that I used correct judgment in deciding to attend IU. I was also able to ride in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, play paintball, and learn rappelling techniques.

IU has become my new home and IU Army ROTC has become a new family for me. I am sure that the friendships and knowledge that I have gained in the past year will remain with me well into the future. I consider myself blessed to be able to attend IU and participate in ROTC as a member of the team, and I look forward to the coming years with anticipation and excitement. — Cadet Kevin Pavonica, MS-1 Scholarship Cadet
To future Warrior leaders of the Army:

Ahn-yong-ha-se-yo (Hello in Korean).

Warriors! My name is 1LT(P) Danny Chang from the Eighth United States Army in Korea. I received my commission in 2005 through a great Army ROTC program from IU into the holy branch of Armor, becoming a tank and later a scout. I don’t have combat experience, ranger tab, airborne, or air assault wings but I have had several learning experiences since the time I received my butter bar, leading M1A1 SEP Abraham main battle tank platoon, tank company executive officer, leading the sole battalion reconnaissance(Scout) platoon and going through the special forces selection.

My experience during ROTC was no different from any other cadet’s in the program. We had great leadership presence, classroom lectures and hands-on trainings available from skilled NCOs throughout the years with high moral among the cadets; though morning PT sucked.

Personally, ROTC changed my life slowly but surely. It slowly opened up the opportunity lead rather than follow, from the rear to the front. I didn’t utilize the program to my advantage, and I wish I had. One thing I realize now is that I wasn’t part of a team or at least that’s how I feel. I was eager to get my gold bar and move on; in the mean time other cadets in the program became teammates to one another. Knowing how to tie a Swiss seat knot or being able to fast rope are great and important skills to know, but knowing how to fit in and winning the hearts and minds seems more essential for leaders, or at least to me. Transitioning from “L”os “T”(Lost) to “L”igh “T”(Leader) took effort and made a hell of a lot of difference leading 58 tankers, 50 snipers, and scouts.

Current cadets, future cadets and younger leaders of the Army; the further you reach into the mud the more you will sink, but reaching out for a hand would save your try. Try anything and everything with ambition, and be able to absorb from others and learn from them and also from mistakes you make, because the word “regret” is not in the warrior’s dictionary.

Strike fast and kick ass

“Fat Noodle”

—Danny H. Chang, 1LT(P), AR, EUSA KCA OIC

Class notes

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 2007:

“We still communicate once a year with those of us who were in advanced ROTC and called up in 1943,” writes Robert E. Grable, BS’44. “The original group was 80. We got together for the first time in Bloomington in 1994. There were 42 of us. [We] met again in 1996, 1998, and 2000, then age took over.” Grable lives in Boynton Beach, Fla.

B. Michael Dann, BS’61, received the American Bar Association’s Jury System Impact Award in August for his work promoting jury-trial improvements nationwide. He also received the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence at the U.S. Supreme Court for his jury-reform efforts. A retired Arizona trial judge, Dann lives in Williamsburg, Va.

James W. Morrison, BA’61, is retired from a 30-year career with the U.S. Department of Defense. In that career, he spent three years as a U.S. Army officer and 27 years in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where he directed offices responsible for policy toward the former Soviet Union and eastern Europe. He was a visiting fellow at the National Defense University, where he wrote two books. During his retirement, Morrison has written a book about Bedford County, Va., during World War II. Bedford County is the site of the National D-Day Memorial. He and his wife, Edie, live in Moneta, Va.

Mac H. Crosbie, BS’62, is the owner of Mac Crosbie Real Estate. He lives and works in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Tom Kilrain, BS’66, is a health-care solutions specialist at Ricoh Business Solutions in Indianapolis. Previously, he worked as a hospital/health-care specialist for HIS Office Systems. Kilrain lives in Brownsburg, Ind.

Daniel B. Denning, BA’67, is the new deputy director of Indiana’s Office of Energy & Defense Development in Indianapolis. The office is charged with shaping, guiding, and assisting the state’s strategic energy plan and development of defense-related industry. Previously,
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Denning served as acting assistant secretary of the U.S. Army in manpower and reserve affairs and as principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for training, readiness, and mobilization. Upon his retirement from the U.S. Army, he received the Army Distinguished Service Medal.

John G. Baker, BA’68, JD’71, is chief judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals. Fellow alumni Cale J. Bradford, BS’82, JD’86; Ezra H. Friedlander, BA’62, LL.B’65; and James S. Kirsch, JD’74, represent the court’s second district, an area that includes Marion County. Baker lives in Zionsville, Ind.

Stephen R. Pennell, BA’73, JD’76, is a partner for the law firm Stuart & Branigin in Lafayette, Ind. He practices in the areas of litigation, product liability, and insurance law. He was named by Best in the U.S. as a top lawyer in the country.

James M. Brogan, BA’74, is a managing partner at the law firm of DLA Piper in Philadelphia. His trial practice includes commercial disputes, intellectual property, product liability, and toxic torts. Brogan was inducted as a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, which limits the number of fellows from the United States to 500. He is the coordinator of DLA Piper’s partnership with Villanova School of Law’s pro-bono Lawyering Together program.

Steven A. Miller, BS’70, MBA’74, of Aurora, Ill., has served as senior vice president of Northern Trust Global Advisors in Chicago since August 2004.

Ariel E. Axelrod, BA’91, of Bagnerville, Ind., is a major in the U.S. Army. He and his wife, Robyn, had a son, Noah Samuel, on June 13, 2007.

Michael A. Olejnik, BS’95, writes, “I would love to hear from any of my old friends from college. Feel free to e-mail me at mianol728@hotmail.com.” He is the developmental training administrator for Oak Leyden Developmental Services Inc. in Illinois.

Chad S. Priest, BS’99, is an associate for the law firm Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis. He is one of seven professionals to receive the first-ever Charles I. Whistler Pro Bono Awards from the firm. He is a founder of the Indiana Health Advocacy Coalition.

Submitted in 2008:

Harold O. Southard, BS’60, retired in 2000 as an assistant state’s attorney in Florida. In 2004 he graduated from the Children’s Institute of Literature in West Redding, Conn., and has since concentrated on writing for children, including informational articles such as “How an Airplane Flies” and “The Gun Is Always Loaded.” Southard recently released Chaplin Goes to Tampa: A Story About a Curious Kitty Cat, a book published by AuthorHouse. He lives in Tavares, Fla.

Retired Col. James E. Wright, BA’70, has been promoted to vice president for federal services at Logistics & Environmental Support Services Corp. in Huntsville, Ala. He lives in Athens, Ala.

Col. Keith A. Sharpless, BS’85, is assigned as chief of staff for the 76th interim brigade combat team of the Indiana Army National Guard. The IBCT is preparing for deployment to Iraq in the spring of 2008. Sharpless returned from a year in Afghanistan in February 2006, having served as an embedded tactical trainer at an infantry battalion of the Afghan National Army. An I-Man in track, he lives in Noblesville, Ind.

Lisa Hartley, BA’97, serves as vice president of the Nashville, Tenn., Chapter of the IU Alumni Association. On June 10, 2006, she met fellow IU Bloomington graduate Capt. Joseph A. Roman, BA’99, after inviting him to join the chapter. Hartley writes that they began dating, and, after Roman returned from a military deployment, they realized their relationship could survive anything. Roman proposed to Hartley on May 26, and they were married on Aug. 25 in Hartley’s hometown of Roswell, Ga. Chapter treasurer Jennifer D. Hartley, BS’94, and chapter president Jordan E. Faut, BA’03, attended the wedding. A few weeks after their marriage, Roman began a third tour of duty and is currently serving in Iraq. The couple lives in Brentwood, Tenn.

FLEP student honored at Insight Bowl

Army Capt. Jonathan E. Fields, BS’01, a second-year law student participating in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps’ Funded Legal Education Program, was honored for his military service during the Insight Bowl held Dec. 31 in Tempe, Ariz.

Prior to the National Anthem, Fields was joined on the 50-yard line by Air Force 2nd Lt. David Foster from Oklahoma State University and Army Sgt. Michael Proscia from Arizona. They were each introduced and their bios displayed on the big screen.

“The Insight Bowl wanted to honor an active-duty alumnus from each of the participating state universities ... It was a great opportunity to be able to represent both the military and Indiana University. "I was humbled and honored," Fields said.

A member of IU’s Army ROTC program, Fields was presented with the IU President’s Award. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and sent to Friedberg, Germany, upon receiving his undergraduate degree from IU. He was then called to serve in Kuwait and Iraq as a reconnaissance platoon leader for Task Force Spartan during Operation Iraqi Freedom I and II. More than a year later, he headed to South Korea to serve as an assistant operations officer in Uijongbu, near the North Korean border.

Fields has received the Presidential Unit Citation, the Bronze Star, and the Combat Infantryman’s Badge, among other honors. After graduating law school, he will serve as an attorney in the U.S. Army JAG Corps. — adapted, IU School of Law—Bloomington Web site
All IU Army ROTC alumni are invited to join us for the IU Homecoming Parade and cookout on Friday, Oct. 24. Please R.S.V.P. to Tonya Petay not later than Sept. 15 at ttrueblo@indiana.edu or (812) 855-ROTC.

**Alumni profile**

**Ellinger’s Army, IU experiences led him to Asia and now the Pentagon**

Major Scott J. Ellinger, BA ’91, is a US Army Foreign Area Officer specializing in Sino-affairs. He currently serves at the Pentagon as the Country Director for Taiwan Affairs on the Joint Staff J5 Politico-Military Affairs Directorate, Northeast Asia Division. His previous assignment was as a strategic analyst at DIA – China Military Forces for two years and completed a combat tour in Afghanistan with the 3rd Special Forces Group from September 2005 to February 2006.

Ellinger’s background in Asia includes assignments as a Foreign Area Officer in Beijing, China; two tours in the Republic of Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division, 1/5 IN (M) as a platoon leader, executive officer, and battalion logistics officer and the second with the 8th U.S. Army G3 Staff as the G3 Training Division training operations officer. He also completed one tour in Okinawa, Japan, with 1st Battalion 1st Special Forces Group (1/1 SFCG) as a special-forces team leader and as the battalion assistant operations officer. He also was assigned to Fort Benning, GA, as an infantry basic training executive officer and company commander (2/58 IN).

Ellinger received a BA in East Asian languages and literature from Indiana University in 1991 and a MA in Asian Studies from Cornell University in 2004. He speaks Chinese (Mandarin and Taiwanese) and Korean. Ellinger lived and studied in Taiwan from 1987 to 1989 at National Taiwan Normal University.

**From the commander**

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history. The class includes 29 Student-Athlete-Scholars with an average SAT of 1239.

- In Ranger Challenge, we continue to dominate, having won both the five- and nine-man competitions.
- Only program in the country to execute a DOD strategic language grant last year (4 programs were picked, IU was only program to execute in 1st year)

**From the president**

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It also prepares us for life after the Army. Think about the success you enjoy right now in life and see what you can do help our next generation to progress. Show friends and family members a copy of the Screaming Bison. You can help recruit cadets; bring a high school senior or a college student to Bloomington and let the IU Army ROTC cadets show him or her around.

Thank you for your service and for your support. If you wish to, you can even start your own endowment fund. I did, with the Jones-Military Science Fund for the benefit of military science. Or you can help by adding it to or any other fund at the IU Foundation. The IU Army ROTC Program needs you. Let’s all do our part to make a great program even better. Go IU!

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

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