From the commander

Battalion meets challenges head on with success

It has been another great year for the Screaming Bison Battalion at Indiana University. We will commission 23 cadets to the rank of second lieutenant (Oct. 1, 2005 to Sept. 31, 2006). This success exceeds U.S. Army Cadet Command’s directed mission by five commissions.

As many of you know, this is not an easy business in today’s social climate. I want to publicly take this time as the outgoing professor of military science to recognize the great alumni support, quality cadre (military and COMtek), and high-caliber government and university employees for their dedication to meeting or exceeding commission mission again, for the third straight year. I have been privileged to serve with such a super team prior to my retirement at the end of May 2006.

Also, please never let us forget that this program belongs to the cadets whom we all serve. It is their unit to operate, run, learn, and develop prior to becoming U.S. Army officers. We influencers have been fortunate to play our parts, being the best advisers, counselors, mentors, and evaluators that we could be for their overall world-class leadership-development training at this institution.

As with all good news, there is always a sad side that goes along with it in this business of serving our great nation. This year will mark a milestone in the life of one of the program’s most dedicated and longest-serving staff members, who has positively touched over a battalion plus task force of officers throughout her career. After more than 30 years of service, we wish Patricia Kirkman the very best in her retirement (see below). To her and her husband, Bud, we wish many safe and fun travels, health and happiness, and quality time spent with family.

Kirkman says goodbye, and good luck

I will retire from the Army ROTC at Indiana University at the end of July 2006, and I will miss you all. This job as the human resources assistant has been an important part of my life for over 27 years, and I have enjoyed working here very much. I’m sure I will miss the cadets the most, because they have always been my reason for staying here so long. I enjoy watching young men and women come into the program, anxious to be officers but not knowing what to expect. Year by year they become mature leaders and emerge as Army officers, ready to lead our troops wherever that may be. I always get teary-eyed as each one of you recites the oath of office, and I know I must be almost as proud as your parents.

I think we have, here at Indiana University, one of the best ROTC officer-producing battalions in the nation. But, of course, I could be a little prejudiced. I will miss counseling cadets about the program and just talking to them in general. Of course, I will also miss the cadre and the beautiful campus. But I live only 18 miles from Bloomington, so I expect to be back in town occasionally.

Cadets, please allow me to give you just a few parting words of advice before I venture out into the next chapter of my life. Always lead with expertise, compassion, and ethics. Never quit learning. We learn from books, from our experiences in life, and from other people, also. Do your very best, whatever the situation may be. Balance your life — work, family, and friends. And never forget to appreciate.

Farewell. I hope I have had a tiny bit of positive influence in your lives. You are always in my prayers.

— Patty Kirkman
Human Resources Assistant
U.S. Army ROTC, Indiana University

Join us to thank and honor Patricia Kirkman for more than 27 years of service to Indiana University Army ROTC
July 22, 2006
6 p.m.
R.S.V.P. to Tonya Trueblood at (812) 855-ROTC or ttrueblood@indiana.edu.
Pershing Rifles

On March 23–26, Indiana University Pershing Rifles Company A-3 ventured to Washington, D.C., for the annual General John J. Pershing Memorial Convention and Competition. The company performed well at the competition, placing in all entered events: regulation platoon, color guard, and regulation squad. But it did more than just compete in our nation’s capital.

Arlington National Cemetery was the site of the society’s John J. Pershing Memorial Ceremony, consisting of a posting of the colors, speeches from alumni, and a wreath-laying during the changing of the guard. The society then proceeded to Gen. Pershing’s grave for a 21-gun salute. The national staff placed white roses, the symbol of the society, on his grave. It was a truly memorable experience for all the members of the company.

Also memorable was the company’s trip to the Pentagon. Together with Pershing Rifles alumni from all over the country, the company toured the Pentagon in depth, seeing all manner of sites, from a Purple Heart-winner memorial to the center courtyard of the Pentagon. The highlight of the tour was a visit with Gen. Vincent Brooks, who gave a talk to the group and answered questions about the war in Iraq. Below is a picture of one of our actives, Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Lawson, swapping coins with Gen. Brooks.

Wrapping up the events of NATCON 2006, the society participated in dining-in, where guest speakers such as Col. Young from Air Force ROTC and other distinguished members of the military spoke to Varsity Rifles and Pershing Riflemen about our future endeavors in the military and civilian life. Two members from Company A-3, Col. John Donovan and Chief Warrant Officer Victor Ortiz, were recognized for their contributions to the Pershing Rifles Society and were awarded national honors for their work.

In summary, this year’s NATCON went exceedingly well. The Pershing Riflemen from Company A-3 represented the company and Indiana University ROTC Battalion proudly. They look forward eagerly to next year’s competition and convention.

Roster of Pershing Rifles for the upcoming year

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**Cadre news**

- **Professor of military science:** Lt. Col. Michael Scudder is retiring this month from the U.S. Army after 20 years’ service. His replacement is Maj. Eric Arnold, who will arrive in July.
- **Senior military instructor:** Master Sgt. John T. Bradshaw is leaving us to head to the U.S. Army Sergeant Major Academy at Fort Bliss, San Antonio. He is to be promoted to the rank of sergeant major in the coming months. There is no identified replacement for Bradshaw, and we will likely be without an SMI for the upcoming school year.
- **Executive officer:** Capt. Jason Brady is an Active Guard-Reserve officer who has spent one year with us and plans to spend two more in his current position. He is a 1996 IU graduate and received his commission through IU Army ROTC.
- **Recruiting operations officer:** Maj. Todd Tinius, (retired) has been working as a military contractor at IU Army ROTC for nearly two years and plans to stay in place at least two more years. He is an IU graduate and IUS ROTC commissioner.
- **Training officer:** Capt. Chuck Yager, a military contractor and Army National Guard officer, just returned from one year in Qatar. He plans to stay in his current position for the next few years.
- **Training noncommissioned officer:** Sgt. 1st Class Vernard Roundtree has been with us one year and will remain two more years. He instructs our freshmen, MS-1 Class. He is due to be promoted to the next higher grade of master sergeant in the coming months.
- **Simultaneous membership program and Indiana National Guard coordinator:** Sgt. 1st Class Dale Blubaugh is to be promoted to master sergeant on Aug. 1, 2006. He is leaving us and will take over responsibilities as the state officer procurement noncommissioned officer in charge, Indiana National Guard. His replacement will be Sgt. 1st Class Roy Hughes.
- **Administration technician:** 1st Lt. Jake Schrader works here as a military contractor and is also in the Indiana Army National Guard. He just returned from one year in Iraq.
- **MS-III instructor:** Lt. Col. Steve Guyer, a military contractor, has been here one year on temporary status. He was just offered a full-time position and has agreed to accept.
- **Human resources administrator:** Patricia Kirkman, GS, Civil Service, plans to retire after 30 years government service, 27 years spent here at IU Army ROTC. Her retirement dinner is set for July 22, 2006.
- **Administrative secretary:** Tonya Trueblood has been with us almost eight years.
- **ROTC supply:** Don Lockard has been with us 10 years, and Tom Vaught serves as Lockard’s assistant.

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**COMMISSIONING: MAY 5, 2006**

*Above — Commissionees take the oath of office.*

*Below — Newly commissioned cadets and ROTC cadre stand tall.*

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**From the commander**

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I think I am safe in saying that this super couple, who dedicated themselves to us for such a long time, will never be matched by anyone else in our lifetimes. Patty and Bud, we will all miss you both greatly. There will never be enough great things that we could say to truly tell you both how much you have meant to each of us throughout these many good years—cadets, cadre, friends, family, serving officers, and those now retired. Good luck and Godspeed. Your service and legacy to the battalion will never be forgotten. As of the date you retire, Patty, your office will be officially dedicated as the “Kirkman Office.”

— LTC Michael A. Scudder
Professor, Department of Military Science
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 2005

Robert B. Barnett, BS’55, served in the Army for 31 years before retiring with the rank of colonel in 1974. He served in World War II and the Vietnam War and was department head and professor of military science at Iowa State University from 1968 to 1972. His numerous decorations include a Legion of Merit and an Army Commendation Medal. After retirement from the Army, Barnett was a real-estate agent in Washington, D.C., for seven years. Today Barnett is president of the Propylaeum Historic Foundation. He lives in Indianapolis with his wife, M. Louise, and can be reached at barnett2@aol.com.

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich appointed William E. Brattain, BS’60, MS’62, ReDir’64, ReD’67, to the Illinois Arts Council. Brattain is associate vice president emeritus for student services at Western Illinois University and a former member of the IUAA Executive Council. He and his wife, Helen (Hancock), BS’61, live in Colchester, Ill. Their address is brattain@winco.net.

John A. Nash, BS’60, MBA’61, of Columbus, Ind., received a President’s Award from the IU Alumni Association in December. The award is the highest honor that the IUAA bestows on alumni volunteers. Nash served as chairman of the IUAA Board of Managers in 1991–92 and chaired the campaign that raised $5.2 million for the renovation of the DeVault Alumni Center. In 2003, he retired as president and director of Irvin Financial Corp. Nash has twice been named a Saguaro of the Wabash.

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Homecoming 2006

Friday, Oct. 27

4 p.m. Army & Air Force ROTC Alumni/Cadet Cookout at 814 E. Third St.

At left — Homecoming picnic, October 2005

Below — Homecoming parade, October 2005
Alumni notebook
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Guy O. Kornblum, BA’61, and his law firm, Guy Kornblum & Associates, a San Francisco trial and appellate firm, have been chosen for the Primerus International Group of Law Firms, a select group of small and medium-size firms. He has been recertified as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy through 2010 and named in Who’s Who in American Law and Who’s Who in America. His address is gkornblum@kornblumlaw.com.

“After completion of my bachelor’s degree, I entered the Army as part of my ROTC obligation,” writes Stanley K. Stern, BS’61, MBA’64. “I received excellent training and became an intelligence officer, eventually assigned to the 116th military intelligence group in Washington, D.C. In 1963, I returned to IU for my MBA; on the first day back, I met a young Army captain, William H. Gourley, MBA’64, who was being sent to IU for his MBA. We studied together every day and completed our degrees in August of 1964. I went into banking and Bill remained in the Army, rising to the rank of major general. We have remained close friends since IU.”

Today, Stern is the owner of S.K. Stern and Associates, a consulting firm specializing in bringing well-financed start-up businesses to market. He has been in this business for 20 years. He lives in Bisbee, Ariz., with his wife, Anna (Rudolph), BA’61, MS’66. His address is skstern@cableone.net. Gourley retired from the Army and lives in Monterey, Calif.

Mac H. Crosbie, BS’62, of Cape Canaveral, Fla., owns Mac Crosbie Real Estate. For the past 13 years, he has served as finance officer for American Legion Post 348 in Cape Canaveral.

Anthony R. Jones, BS’70, plans to retire in May 2006 after 36 years of active duty service in the U.S. Army.

Stephen R. Pennell, BA’73, JD’76, a partner in the law firm of Stuart & Barnings, Lafayette, Ind., is listed in the 2006 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

Donald J. Reed, BA’79, received the Civilian Joint Service Commendation Medal for his work as a member of Joint Task Force Katrina, providing defense support of civil authorities in response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita. A retired military police lieutenant colonel, he is chief of the military support division for the First U.S. Army. Reed and his wife, Victoria, live in Fayetteville, Ga. His address is donald.j.reed@us.army.mil.

“We attribute our success to the leadership skills we learned at IU from the U.S. Army.” For the first time since graduating, three ROTC cadets, Jeffery S. Yarvis, BA’88; Tom Seifert, BA’88; and Becky Freeze, BA’88, were reunited during Operation Iraqi Freedom despite serving in different capacities. Maj. Yarvis (who received a Ph.D. last year from the University of Georgia), is the civil-military operations officer for the Multinational Corps Iraq surgeon. Lt. Col. Seifert is the deputy G-1 for MNIC. Lt. Col. Freeze is the G-3 for the 3rd Corps Support Command.

In memoriam: Capt. Nathaniel L. King

Capt. Nathaniel L. King, who was a 1997 graduate of Indiana University Army ROTC, died from injuries he suffered during an airborne operation at Fort Bragg, N.C., on April 8.

King was assigned to the 18th Airborne Corps Artillery as an operations officer and was a nine-year veteran of the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq twice. The first deployment was for 10 months (March 2003-January 2004), and the most recent was from January 2005 to January 2006. He served as the corps liaison officer to the Multi-National Security Transition Command—Iraq. He also deployed to Bosnia in February 2000 for six months.

King’s awards and decorations include a Bronze Star Medal (one oak-leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (one oak-leaf cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal (one oak-leaf cluster), Army Commendation Medal (two oak-leaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal (one oak-leaf cluster), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (one oak-leaf cluster), Iraqi Campaign Medal (one oak-leaf cluster), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon (one oak-leaf cluster), and the Parachutist Badge.

While at IU, King rode in the Little 500 for ROTC and participated in numerous extracurricular activities. He was an avid IU basketball fan, Harley rider, and member of the IU Alumni Association.

Maj. Scott A. Sendmeyer, BS’95, BS’03, is living in Bucharest, Romania, and attending the political science faculty of the University of Bucharest on a scholarship from the Olmsted Foundation. His address is sendmeyer@yahoo.com.

In December 2005, we received the news that Capt. Adrienne R. Barker, BA’02, of Wyncote, Pa., is serving her second tour of duty in Iraq. She was a platoon leader in the 2003 invasion.

Submitted in 2006

Tom Kilrain, BS’66, has relocated from the Reno-Lake Tahoe area to Brownsburg, Ind. He was with Xerox Corporation for 28 years before joining HPS Office Systems as the hospital/health-care specialist, primarily handling all the Clarian Health Partners locations in Indiana. His address is kilrain@msn.com.

K. Douglas Deck, BS’71, MS’76, of Traverse City, Mich., is president and chief executive officer of Munson Healthcare, a nonprofit health-care system that serves patients from 32 counties in northern Michigan. Deck was previously an executive at Samaritan Health Partners and Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, and was president of the Dayton Chapter of the IUAA for most of the 1980s.

Mark K. Snakenberg, BA’01, reports that he has returned from a second tour of duty in Iraq. An armor captain, he served as his battalion’s chief of operations during 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment’s most recent tour in Ramadi, Iraq. He is stationed at Fort Benning, outside of Columbus, Ga., and is attending a captain’s career course. Snakenberg plans to return to 3rd Infantry Division in the summer.

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