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Events at home, abroad prove success of program

WOW! What a year for Indiana University Army ROTC and the U.S. Army. I continue to be amazed at the quality of cadets, soldiers, and leaders the Army produces.

Events here at IU and in Afghanistan and Iraq prove we have the best-trained, best-equipped, and best-prepared Army in the world. The best part of that is the role we, the cadre, play by preparing the cadets here at IU to assume key positions as leaders to continue the success the Army enjoys.

Let's start with Ranger Challenge. I've never seen such a motivated group of folks. They trained six days a week for six weeks to prepare for the competition. Rain or shine, morning or night, they were training and preparing for the vigorous two-day competition. The team improved their score from last year by 321 points! That wasn't enough to win, but it sent a signal that IU is on track to victory in the near future.

We enjoyed great participation in the Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Camp Atterbury during the first weekend in November. The battalion conducted land navigation training and squad training exercises, which not only tested the cadets' ability, but gave them a better understanding of the things they need to do to be successful at both individual and collective tasks. I know there are cadets out there who once were lost but now are found as a result of the classroom instruction and practical application in the field.

Spring FTX was an enlightening experience for the MS IIIs. They fired M16 rifles for zero and qualification, conducted foot marches, set up patrol bases, and did squad-level training in different scenarios and leadership roles in preparation for the National Advanced Leadership Camp held this summer at Fort Lewis, Wash. The training is done;

success will be determined at camp. Good luck to all who will attend camp. I'll see you at the PT test and field leader's reaction course.

The battalion held two dining-outs, one in the fall and one in the spring. Both were great social events and a good time was had by all. It was nice to be able to put faces with names after meeting many family and friends of the cadet battalion. It's comforting to know that the cadets have such great people supporting them. I'm really looking forward to next year's get-togethers.

Little 500. What can I say? Both teams, men and women, qualified and participated in the race. That is quite an accomplishment. To see a group of cadets get together and train as hard as the Little 500 teams did, and to accomplish all that they did, is truly inspiring. Let's not forget the parents and alumni who supported the teams, and the local organizations such as AMVETS Post 2000, Moose Lodge 1081, and the VFW. Their contributions were instrumental to the teams' ability to train for and compete in



Cadet Tanya Mack rides for the Indiana University Army ROTC team in the 2003 Little 500 women's race April 25 at Bill Armstrong Stadium on the IU Bloomington campus.

the race, and they are greatly appreciated. This race, along with the other events mentioned, helps prepare these future leaders by promoting discipline, time management, teamwork, and self-

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Cadets graduate from leadership course

Cadets Geoffrey Gibson and Frederick Hersey graduated from the Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky., on July 19. Completing the four-week course makes them eligible to enter the Military Science III courses beginning this fall.

At 9 a.m. on a steamy Saturday morning, 162 prospective cadets from universities around the country marched onto the parade field at Fort Knox. During the short ceremony, the ROTC cadre and representatives of various organizations presented awards

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Cadets Geoffrey Gibson and Frederick Hersey are all smiles after graduation from the Leader's Training Course July 19 in Fort Knox, Ky.

Pershing Rifles excel at 2003 national convention

Some people still do not know about the Pershing Rifles. Pershing Rifles is a program that is dedicated to enhancing the military and professional development of America's future leaders.

One visible sign that most people can recognize is that the men and women of the Pershing Rifles present the national colors before every home IU football and basketball game.

This year the company expanded to presenting the colors not only at the men's basketball games, but also at the women's basketball games. This new avenue provides the members of Company A-3 more opportunities to represent

both the Army and Air Force ROTC programs as well as Indiana University as a whole.

In addition to presenting the colors at various university activities, Company A-3 also competed in this year's Pershing Rifles National Convention, held in Toledo, Ohio. The convention featured events such as regulation squad, exhibition squad, and color guard competitions. Company A-3 placed second in the color guard competition and third in exhibition squad. In addition to these excellent standings, the members of Company A-3 gained invaluable experience on how drill meets are conducted. The information

gathered concerning drill competitions will go a long way toward helping Company A-3 host the 2005 national convention here at IU.

With a new academic year beginning, it's time to start planning ahead. PR/CPT Courtney Dean is in command of the company, and expectations and enthusiasm are high. Goals for this coming year include increasing company membership, placing first at the 2004 national convention, and increasing recognition within the community.

The men and women of Company A-3 encourage all support and look forward to the new year.

Ranger Challenge a grueling test of IU Army ROTC squad's skills

Ranger Challenge is a varsity sport here at Indiana University, and it grows more and more competitive each year. This year, IU Army ROTC fielded a team of nine cadets and two alternates after a very difficult selection period.

Each year, more and more cadets vie for the chance to compete in this grueling three-day competition. The training period is an intense six weeks, focusing on physical and mental conditioning as well as individual training for each Ranger Challenge event. The events are a written test covering the FM 7-8 doctrine, an APFT test, marksmanship, land

navigation, grenade throw, and rope bridge. The competition culminates with a 10K road march on the final day. Teams from all across the Midwest train for this competition in hopes to bring home victory. This year, IU's team consisted of four freshmen, four sophomores, and three juniors, half of whom were newcomers to the sport.

The competition itself requires great discipline, dedication, strength, and mental toughness, and next year we are prepared to dominate with all members returning to compete for places on our squad.



IU Army ROTC team members compete in the 10K road march on the final day of the 2003 Ranger Challenge.

Leader's Training Course

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to cadets who excelled in physical fitness, rifle marksmanship, and other military skills. Maj. Gen. Michael D. Rochelle of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command addressed the graduates and their friends, parents, and relatives who were present for the occasion. During his speech, he congratulated the cadets for their perseverance through 28 days of tough training. He noted that the course of instruction challenged them both physically and mentally.

Rochelle also praised the cadets for stepping forward to serve their country during a period in which the U.S. military is meeting commitments throughout the world. He promised them a job that would never be easy, but one that would give them a feeling of satisfaction not to be found anywhere else.

In addition, Rochelle thanked the parents of the cadets present in the stands. He let them know that he understood that the parents were relying on the Army cadre at each university to equip their young man or woman with the skills needed to become an effective leader. He acknowledged that the job of an officer is often trying and sometimes dangerous. He pledged that the soldiers of Cadet Command would train the cadets to succeed and to care for the other American sons and daughters for whom they will soon be responsible.

Following a pass in review during which the cadets marched in front of proud parents and friends, the ceremony came to an end. Finally, the cadets got to meet with moms, dads, girlfriends, and boyfriends whom they had not seen for a month. From my perspective, I would say that the cadets looked a little different to their loved ones than when they parted.

Gibson and Hersey in particular looked leaner and meaner than when they were dropped off for the training.

Gibson and Hersey were excited to see their parents and relatives. They exchanged hugs and posed for pictures to document the occasion. Hersey could not stop talking about how much he had enjoyed the ropes course, as if he could ever stop talking.

Gibson seemed most impressed by the fact that he was at Fort Knox, the home of Armor. I always figured Gibson to be a little smarter than the average guy, and he confirmed this by letting me know that he hopes to become an Armor officer after graduation.

The guys left to finish outprocessing and then to return home with their families to enjoy the remainder of the summer. We'll see if they remember what they learned now that school has started.

— MAJ Heath Dunbar

Alumni notebook

Before 1960

Jack C. Walts, BS'39, is enjoying golf and "fun in the sun" at his home in Boynton Beach, Fla. He writes that he and his son, Terence A. Walts, BS'69, had a great time in Maui with all the other IU alumni at the Maui Invitational Basketball Tournament.

1960s

John A. Nash, BS'60, MBA'61, is president of Irwin Financial Corp. He lives in Columbus, Ind., with his wife, Susan Moss Nash, '62, and they have three children, John Jr., William, and Stacia.

William P. Leonard, BS'61, MS'62, is president of Morton College in Cicero, Ill. He began his new position on July 1, 2002.

Col. William Ryall, BS'62, MS'68, writes, "On May 25, 2002, at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies [in] Garmisch, Germany, I received the Legion of Merit from Paul Patrick, commander, 7th ARCOM, Europe. This award was for Partnership for Peace initiatives, Interoperability, and Project Partnership activities among NATO allies." He is now an adjunct professor of education and varsity women's tennis coach at IU Southeast in New Albany, Ind.

Gerald L. Graham, BS'67, works for Clancy's Inc. and lives in Noblesville, Ind., with his wife, Mary M. Graham, BA'67, MS'68.

L. Scott Nowinski, BS'67, MS'75, MBA'90, recently retired from the FBI after nearly 27 years as a special agent, including 19 years as a SWAT team member and assistant leader. He also served as an Army officer (ranger qualified) from 1967 to 1971 with tours in Germany and Vietnam. He lives in Knoxville, Tenn.

Charles R. Martindale, BS'68, MS'75, was named regional operations manager for the Indiana Department of Commerce.

Milton R. Stewart, BA'68, JD'71, a partner with Davis Wright Tremaine in Portland, Ore., was elected to the IU Foundation board of directors. He is also a member of the IU School of Law board of visitors, the IU Foundation's Arbutus Society, the President's Circle, and the 21st Century Society.

Kenneth E. Armstrong, BA'69, joined VenVest Inc. as vice president and general counsel in January. The company is privately held and serves the residen-

tial plumbing and HVAC contracting industry in the United States and Canada. He lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Richard S. Dyson, BA'69, has been selected to chair the Great Alaska Shootout Women's Tournament. He is the manager of labor relations for the Alaska Railroad and writes and lives in Anchorage, Alaska.

David P. Murphy, BA'69, JD'72, has been in private practice in Greenfield since 1972. He is a member of the Greenfield-Central school board and retired as colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve in 2001. He lives in Greenfield, Ind.

1970s

Stephen A. Peterson, BA'70, MS'71, wrote *Profiles in Faith, Hope, and Courage*, a book of 52 short stories involving teenagers and young adults. The stories emphasize teens and the good works most do for the betterment of others and their communities. The book is available at www.1stbooks.com. He lives in Shawnee, Okla.

Lt. Col. **David R. Parks**, BA'78, writes, "I retired from active duty on Sept. 1, 2002. I received a Legion of Merit Award during a retirement ceremony at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. As a member of the Troops to Teachers program, I now teach social studies at an alternative high school in Phoenix." He lives in Glendale, Ariz.

Lt. Col. **Diane E. Beaver**, BA'79, is legal adviser for the 170th Joint Task Force in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. She advises the commanding general on various legal issues concerning detainees. She lives in Crownsville, Md.

James P. Bixler, BS'79, retired from the

Air Force in August 1999 after 20 years of active duty. He now works as a corporate compliance officer for Anthem Inc. in Indianapolis.

Lt. Col. **Donald J. Reed**, BA'79, oversees planning for military support to civil authorities for all of the United States east of the Mississippi River, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He lives in Fayetteville, Ga.

1980s

Bruce A. Bowman, BS'81, was selected for inclusion in the 2003 edition of *Who's Who in America*. He works in the applied physics laboratory at Johns Hopkins University and lives in Oak Hill, Va.

Lt. Col. **Keith A. Sharpless**, BS'85, is a member of the Indiana Guard and president of Harbour House Ins/Harbour Financial Services in Noblesville, Ind.

Jeffrey A. Berning, BS'86, was promoted to captain with the Fort Wayne Fire Department. He is a rescue diver and the shift leader on the Haz-Mat Team and lives in New Haven, Ind.

Leland Dean Brown, BA'87, is a certified Toyota sales professional for Butler Toyota and lives in Noblesville, Ind.

Kathleen M. Isaacson, BS'88, left active duty in the Army in 2000 and moved to Washington, D.C., with her husband, Chris. She is working toward a doctorate in history at American University while raising their child, Libby.

Clifford M. Lippard, BA'88, writes, "I ran my first marathon this year [in] 3:29:02, and have taken up cyclocross racing." He lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Richard B. Brown, BA'89, MPA'00,

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Success of program

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confidence — all essential ingredients for making the cadets successful in their future endeavors.

Since this is my first year with the program, you can bet that I have a better understanding of ROTC's role at IU and in the community. We will be better next year because we've learned many lessons from our experiences this year. My congratulations to this year's newly commissioned lieutenants. You will do well, and you will make all of us proud. Best of luck to you all.

— MSG Brian Dombeck
Battalion Commandant

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Association's online directory at

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was promoted to major in July 2000. He is deputy controller for the city of Indianapolis.

1990s

Maj. **John T. Harris**, BA'90, completed an MBA degree at Webster University. He lives in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Nathaniel L. King, BS'97, writes that he was deployed with the U.S. Army on March 25 and is currently serving in Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He lives in Fishers, Ind.

Song Yun Kang, BA'98, was assigned to HHD 498th CSB in Yongsan, Korea.

Brian T. White, BS'98, serves full time in the U.S. Army Reserve for the 81st Regional Support Command in Birmingham, Ala.

2000s

Adrienne R. Barker, BA'02, is assigned to Fifth Corp, U.S. Army, in Darmstadt, Germany, and is currently deployed as a platoon leader in Kuwait. Her e-mail address is adrienne.barker@us.army.mil.

James Buckley Jordan, BA'02, has been mobilized as a platoon leader to the Desert Chemical Depot in Utah. He can be reached by e-mail at bjordan@alumni.indiana.edu.

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