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# Real Offer To Command

THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1975

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

## M I L I T A R Y B A L L

## FUN ON THE FARM

"A Salute to the 200th" is this year's theme for the Military Ball which is being held on November 8. In addition to America, the United States Army is also celebrating two hundred years of past glory and honor. This year's theme will represent a salute of the two hundred years of tradition within both the Army and the United States.

This year's ball should be one of the best ever. Over 400 invitations have already been sent out to various dignitaries in the surrounding areas. The Commander of Second ROTC region Brigadier General James Leslie will be one of our honored guest.

The dance begins at 8:00 in the Garrett Center Ball Room. Music will be provided by one of the top bands in South Carolina, named "Blacksmith." Cadets will be receiving more information when they vote for Military Ball Queen during their ROTC class. The candidates are:

P/R's	CINDY THOMAS
S&B	TRACY HOOKER
A. Co.	BARBARA CAMP
B. Co.	MARYLIN HENRY
C. Co.	ANITA JONES
D. Co.	ADEKE GKEAVES
HQ	GAYLE SCHAAD
SF's	DONNA BUCKLES

Proper attire for cadets will be Class A uniform with a white shirt, black bowtie and low quarters. The lab fee must be paid before you can receive a ticket.

FTX stands for Field Training Exercise and the FTX of 25-26 October, 1975 was indeed an outstanding one. Elements of the 100th Reserve Training Division supplied logistics and expert professional personnel for instruction.

For those of you who did not go, well, you missed a lot. . . It was, believe it or not, fun, rewarding, and very instructive. Learning was our objective, having fun was our means of gaining that objective.

I'm not saying that we joked, and horsed around on any of our operations. On the contrary, they were executed in deadly earnest. However, when we returned to our bivouac site, everyone gathered around the fire and had a good time. Relating our war stories to each other such as, how so-in-so fell in the creek, and the number of Mr. Lile's cows killed in action to one another, a closeness bound us all together and to me, this means a lot.

The Leadership Reaction Course Sunday was excellent. Drill Sergeants and officers from the 100th Division took the show and it was an outstanding one. Let me also say something about the 100th Division's food, my momma should cook so good. It was delicious.

One word can describe the FTX of 25-26 October, and you probably have guessed it already ...OUTSTANDING.

MARK BIGGERS  
Cadet 2 Lt

COMMANDER'S NOTE

I would like to express my appreciation to all those who participated in the FTX held on October 25 and 26. The exercise was considered one of the best Western has ever had. This is a result of one thing -- work, hard work. There was a lot of planning prior to the FTX and a lot of true involvement during the FTX. We learned a tremendous amount at all levels of leadership, and the cadre was well pleased. The staff is in the process of further evaluation of the exercise and would appreciate any help that you as individuals could give us in making future FTX's bigger and better for our corps. Thanks again, for a job well done. We're one step closer to being number ONE in the Nation.

JOSEPH SMITH  
CDT BN CMDR

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THE MORE YOU LOOK AT IT, THE BETTER IT  
LOOKS

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SERGEANT CHILDERS SPEAKS

I would like to stress the importance of safeguarding personal clothing and equipment issued to cadets. At the time of issue, the cadet becomes responsible for the care and maintainance of all items signed for.

The cost of clothing and equipment is increasing steadily and it is money out of your pocket if these items are lost or misplaced for any reason.

For example, a man's overcoat costs \$45.00. This is a considerable amount of money which none of us can afford. So take care of it.

S.&B's PROVIDE HONOR GUARD

The Scabbard and Blade members will be on hand Saturday at the Homecoming Game to provide an eight man honor guard for the Homecoming Queen and her escort. They will also draw their sabers for the introduction of the Homecoming candidates. Don't miss the Scabbard and Blade people as they represent the Military Science Department.

The Scabbard and Blade takes pleasure in announcing the initiation of 9 pledges this fall. Initiates are:

- Steve Hart
- Samuel Earl Murphy
- Rick Pogrotsky
- Larry Leach
- Sandy Haworth
- Danny Hutchinson
- Robert Tinsley
- Carl Lewis

In addition to this, the Scabbard and Blade has worked diligently in final preparations for the Military Ball, being held on November 8 in Garrett Conference Center.

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UPCOMING ORIENTATION TRIP TO  
FORT KNOX

- Activities Include:
- Range Firing
- Trip to the PX

CHECK THE BOARD FOR THE DATE

GADZOOKS, I SURE WOULD'T WANT TO MISS  
THIS ONE

NOTES FROM THE PMS

RANGER REPORTS

The school year charges on and your many activities begin to eat into your time. An old Infantry saying goes "It is sometimes hard to recall that your main objective is to drain the swamp when you are up to your ears in alligators. . . . draining the swamp being your education and the alligators being your many activities. Remember, I told you earlier that your education is the primary objective of the Military Science Department as well as that of Western Kentucky University: your development is what it's all about. You know that our motto here in ROTC is that "you are our most important asset." We sincerely mean that! So let's keep first things first! Do the best possible job you can in your classes the rest of this semester.

I want to welcome our bi-term students, some 70 strong to the "Big Red ROTC Corp." We are glad you have joined our ranks, take a good look at ROTC, feel free to question any of my staff, my door is open any time you feel you would like to talk with me.

Congratulations to LTC Joe Smith and his staff and the Corp of Cadets on a very outstanding FTX on 25-26 October--a great job.

Our Annual Military Ball will be held on 8 November in Garrett Center Ball Room. This year should be the finest ever. You will have a very excellent band and the Military Ball Queen selection is the most impressive of all Coronation Ceremonies at Western Kentucky University. Plan to come and bring another couple or couples.

GARY A. RIGGS  
LTC, INFANTRY  
Professor of Military  
Science

(Editor's note: This is a true story from cadets who received their Ranger Tabs.)

When we were on a five day patrol in the mountain Ranger Camp near Dahlonega, Ga., we were allowed to sleep after being up for four days without sleep. The Ranger instructor halted the patrol on a road, and told us to move a short distance up the mountain, where we proceeded to pass-out. After about two hours of sleep, one Ranger Cadet got up, sound asleep, and began to walk down toward the road. Because all Ranger students have a fear of being left behind, about 12 of the 28 people in our patrol got up and followed the student, all sound asleep. When the Ranger student in the lead reached the road he was met by a Ranger instructor who asked him where he was going. The question woke him up, "Where am I", he asked. The RI sent him back up the mountain, and his fellow students followed him back up the mountain, still SOUND ASLEEP!

The mountains where the Ranger Camp was located was very snake infested and students had to be very careful in the area. It came as no surprise to me to see a copperhead on the cliff that I was rappelling on I told the RI on my lane that there was a snake in the crack on lane four. He didn't seem to mind too much and casually said to the next climber, "Ranger, I wouldn't put my hand in that crack, there is a copperhead in there. The poor cadet just about fell off the wall.

John B. Durbin  
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KADET AWARD

This month's KADET AWARD goes to all the cadets who attended the FTX and found out that crossing an ankle-deep creek can sometimes mean that the water is really knee-deep!