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# Scrapbook

BY DELINE CRAFT

Mr. Connie Carter and  
Major Tyndall



Our Battalion Commander  
C/LTC Jeff Hackett

# IN ENEMY FIRE

BY STEPHANIE BROADBENT

**S**ilently, the cadets lay on their stomachs, their camouflaged faces blending in with the tall grass. They waited patiently for the enemy to approach as the sun beat down on their backs and insects buzzed in their ears.

Suddenly, the enemy came into view and the cadets took careful aim, squeezing the triggers of their M16s. Gunfire roared through the flower-covered meadow and the five enemy soldiers fell to the ground.

The ambush was a success.

It was part of Operation Hilltopper Rage, a three-day mission designed to train 15 Western ROTC cadets in leadership positions in the field.

The cadets were flown by two large military helicopters from Bowling Green Airport Friday night, Sept. 17, to a wooded area outside Fort Campbell.

Five of the more experienced cadets on the first helicopter were designated as the

enemy, and their mission was to attack the other cadets, who were training together for the first time.

It was near midnight when the second group made their way from the landing zone, carrying 40-pound rucksacks on their backs. The only light came from the stars shining overhead as the cadets crossed the dew-covered grass.

Fog drifted over the field, obscuring the enemy who was just ahead. Shots rang out and the cadets dove for cover, squinting into the darkness and firing towards the faint silhouettes. The enemy disappeared into the darkness and the cadets cautiously trudged on.

They came to the edge of the field and, using only a compass as their guide, entered the woods. Branches, vines, and thorns slapped their faces and hugged their feet as they climbed uphill. At last they came to a clearing and, after lighting a small fire, they settled in for the night.

Lookouts were assigned to guard the camp as the other cadets snuggled into

their sleeping bags, trying to keep warm. Just before dawn, they began a new day.

For breakfast many cadets ate cold spaghetti, beef stew or ham from prepackaged envelopes. They had been supplied with Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) before the trip.

Many of the cadets made faces as they forced the food down their throats. Some even declined to eat.

Captain Roy Henson, assistant professor of military science, said he usually loses weight in the woods because he does not like the food.

"I usually don't eat that stuff," he said. "I'd rather be hungry than nauseated."

As the sun began to climb higher in the sky, the troops planned their day. They hiked through the woods and across an open field, where they were once again attacked. After each attack the cadets were counseled on ways to improve.

Throughout the day the two groups con

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fronted each other. The enemy set up an ambush in the woods shortly after lunch and used smoke bombs to blind the cadets. The cadets later planned their own ambush.

By late afternoon the troops were sweating heavily after miles of walking and had to reapply the green and black camouflage to their faces.

They tiredly trudged back to their campsite, where they planned their night defense. They removed small shovels from their rucksacks and began to dig holes deep enough to shelter their bodies.

As darkness fell, the cadets lay on their stomachs in the holes holding their M16s. Throughout the night they defended their camp against several enemy attacks. By early morning some were so tired they could not hold their eyes open.

Once again the cadets woke before dawn. As darkness gave way to light, the enemy launched a final attack.

By then it was Sunday morning and most cadets admitted they were tired and wanted to go home.

Robbie Ladd, a junior from Palm Bay, Fla., said the only part of the weekend he didn't enjoy was the lack of sleep. "I got six hours of sleep in two and a half days," he said.

Henson said the main purpose of Operation Hilltopper Rage was to give the cadets an opportunity to experience leadership positions in the field.

"What we focus on is having the person in charge learn how to lead," Henson said.

The cadets took turns being squad leader and giving orders. They were evaluated on how well they responded to pressure, judgment, sensitivity and communication, among other things.

Ladd said he was glad he had the chance to feel the pressure of being a leader.

"When you're in the hot seat you've got to get everything done," he said. "When you screw up, everyone finds out and you get counseled in front of everyone. You won't make that mistake again."

La Grange senior Doug Rosencrans said he did not like the cold weather at night. "I hated it in the middle of the morning when I woke up at 3 a.m. shivering," he said.

Cadet Battalion Commander Jeff Hackett said he thinks the training experience will help the cadets when they go to advanced camp later. All ROTC students must go to the six-week leadership camp after finishing their junior year.

"They came together real good, real quick," the Nashville senior said. "When one of them was in charge he or she took charge and the rest of them followed."

Lexington junior Stacy Butler said she could not think of anything better to do Saturday morning.

"Cartoons ain't got nothing on this."



**Above,** The members of Hilltopper Battalion deploy in a Chinook helicopter at Bowling Green Airport.

**At left,** Woodard catches up on some sleep during a lunch break while in the field. Cadets didn't get much sleep because of guard duty at night.



The 15 members that attended the weekend leadership and training mission were divided into two groups — five experienced rangers and 10 inexperienced cadets. The two groups participated in mock battles. Cadet Battalion Chief Jeff Hackett instructs Kim Nash, Melvin Washington and Chris Woodard on proper counterattack tactics.



photo by Adam M. Bettcher

"I got six hours of sleep in two and a half days," said Robbie Ladd, after spending a weekend with 14 other ROTC cadets in Operation Hilltopper Rage. The junior from Palm Bay, Fla., and members of Western's ROTC program flew to Ft. Campbell for leadership and tactical training.

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The Topper Battalion ready for  
the Bowling Green 10K



The Ranger Company  
before the Bowling Green 10K

Ladets hard at work



Mr. Clise working on  
the display case.



Mr. Rosencrans helping  
out in supply.



Mrs. Ramey and Mr.  
working hard in the supply room.

# The Cadre...



Maj. Tyndall hard at work.



MSgt. Bronson showing the proper way to clean a weapon.



Cpt. Herson during water survival

# Color Guard . . .



Ms. Two Rivers, Ms. Dugan, Ms. Davis, Ms. Ramsey



Is there a height requirement?



Practice makes perfect



# The Rangers



The Ranger Rice Crispy Treat  
made by Mrs. Whitescarver



The mighty Ranger team at  
Murray State's Head-to-Head  
Competition



The muscles on the end of  
the Rope Bridge

The Ranger's . . .



Working on the Rope Bridge



The Ranger Team shows  
the hand and arm signal  
for "we're #1."



Mr. Quinn on grenade assault course.

Tuesday mornings drill



Accountability formation

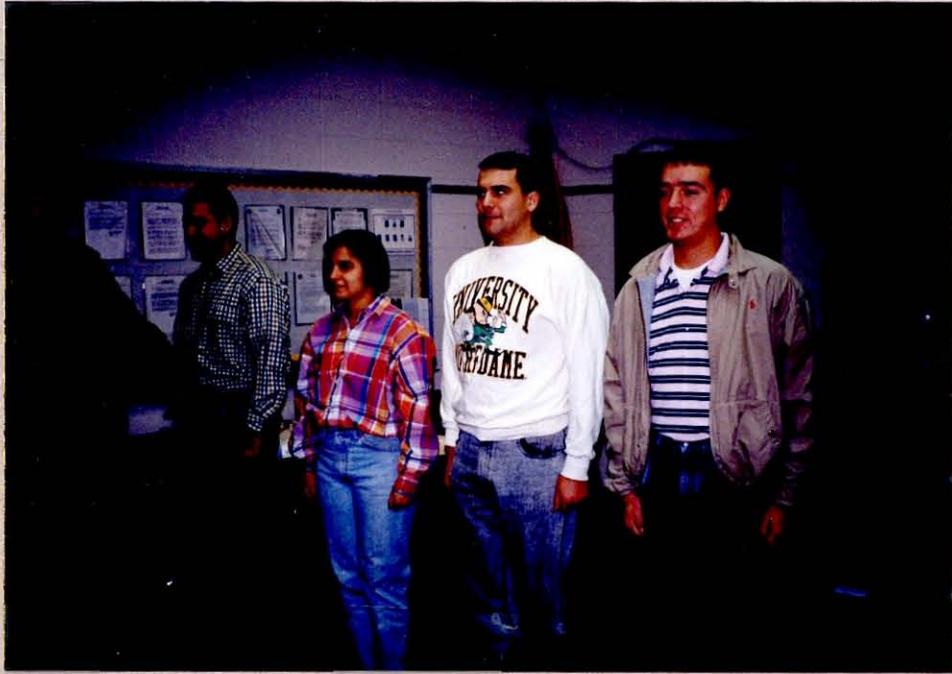


Mrs. Ramey marches a squad



Mrs. Sowards and Mrs. Bartling

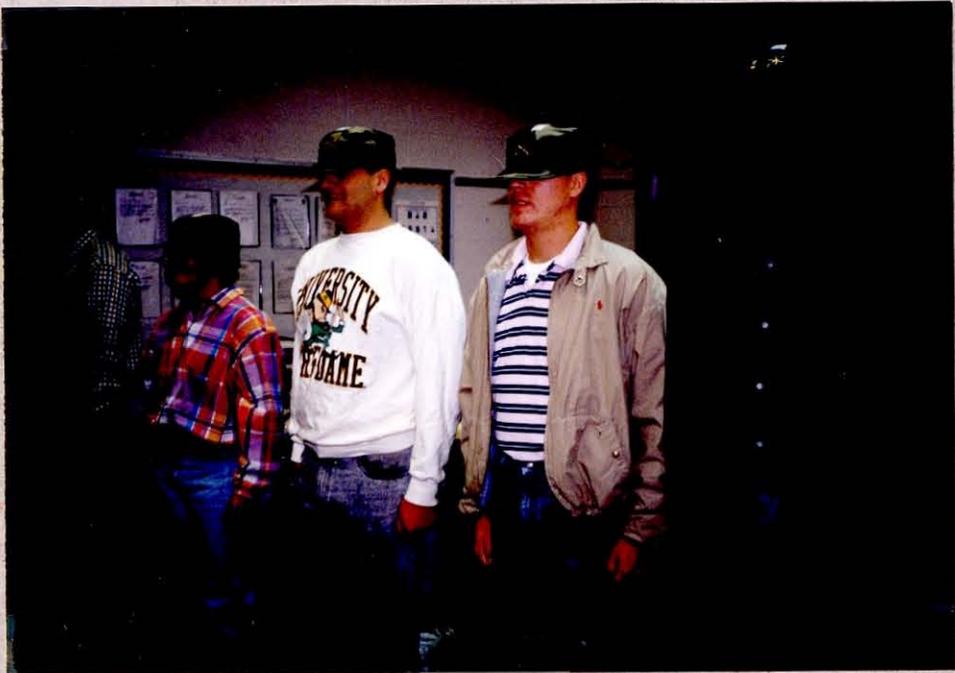
M&S IV's . . .



Eagerly awaiting their branch assignments.



M&S Bronson places the caps on the cadets heads.



Can we look yet?



Does Mrs. Whitescarver look surprised at her branch?

In the limelight.

Herald

February 24, 1994



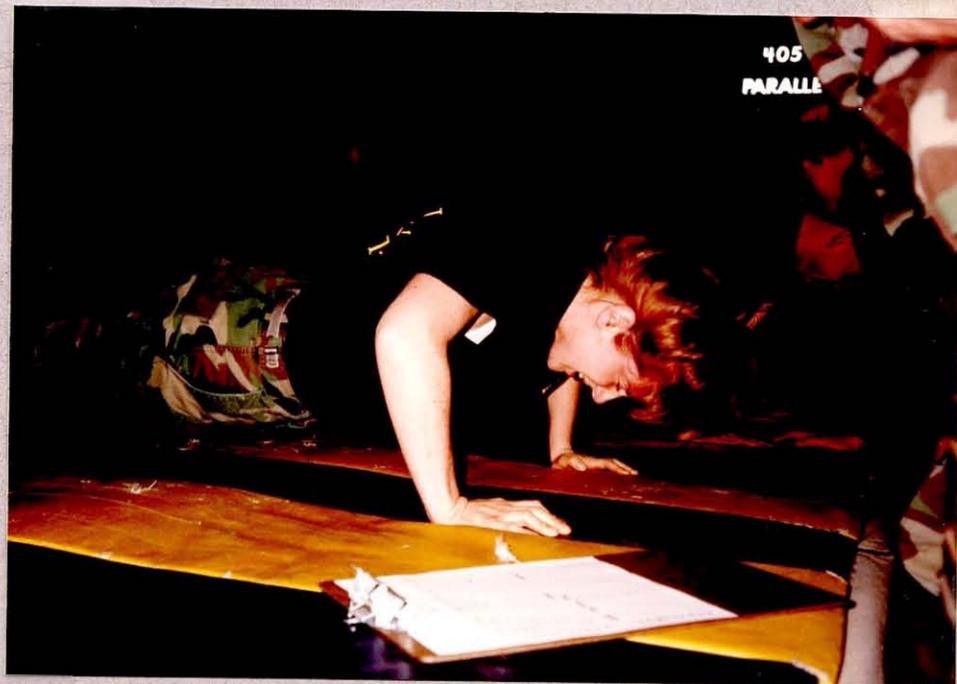
Chris Obenchain/Herald

**Hang loose:** Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet Ranger Heather Two Rivers, a junior from North Pole, Alaska makes her way across a rope bridge in front of Diddle Arena yesterday. The cadets built the bridge to practice for an upcoming Ranger Challenge competition.

Push-Ups, Push-Ups, Push-Ups



Our Battalion Commander



Mr. Two Rivers taking an APFT



Mr. Coulter

# The Military Ball

**The Department of Military Science**

**cordially invites you to attend the**

**1994 Military Ball**

**to be held at the  
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Bowling Green, Kentucky**

**on Saturday evening  
the nineteenth of February 1994  
at five-thirty p.m.**

**RSVP by 1 February 1994  
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Cost \$20.00 per couple**

**Formal**

# Setting Up



Ladd, Shepard, & Davis work on the balloons.



Butler, Two Rivers, Nash, & Dugan



Dugan and Two Rivers working hard.



The MS IV's: Sowards, Hackett  
Coulter, Williams, Crawford, Kellen,  
Rosencrans, Cline



The MS III's: Davis, Ladd,  
Nash, Two Rivers, Huxter, Woodard,  
Adamovic, Shepard, Anderson, Washington,  
Marlett, Dugar

Dinner



The Head Table: (l-r) MSgt Bronson,  
Mrs. Bronson, Mrs. Jolley, Col. Jolley, Maj.  
Lyndall, Mrs. Lyndall, Ozell Williams,  
C/PTC Hackett



Woodard, Shepard, Coulter

Dancing & Singing



The men try their hand at singing.



And then the women of ROTC sing their hearts out.



Dancing the night away.

The Military Ball.



Ms. Nash and Ms. Two Rivers



The Color Guard rehearsing



Mr. Ladd imitates the Fruit of the Loom man.

The Military Ball...



The Mighty Cake



Ms. Nash, Ms. Dugan,  
Ms. Two Rivers



Decorating beforehand

# The Dining In



Presenting the Colors



The Head Table



Dining In...



Major Syrdall and  
Mrs. Colter



Mr. Washington and  
Mr. Thompson

# The Dining H Skits.



The MS III's act out the MS IV's typical day.



The MS IV's portray the cadre.



# Water Survival Class



Mr. Dash after an early morning swim



"Are you ready?"



1, 2, 3 . . .



Mr. Dugar having fun.

# The 1993 Battalion Picnic



Mr. Diaz and Mrs. Sowards



Mr. Scott, Mr. Magan,  
Mr. Johnson grilling out.



Chowing down!



# Battalion Picnic



just a swingin



Maj. Syndall test the corn.



Catch!

Travel in style.



Signing Away your Life . . . .



Mr. Crawford



Mr. Cline



Mrs. Dugan



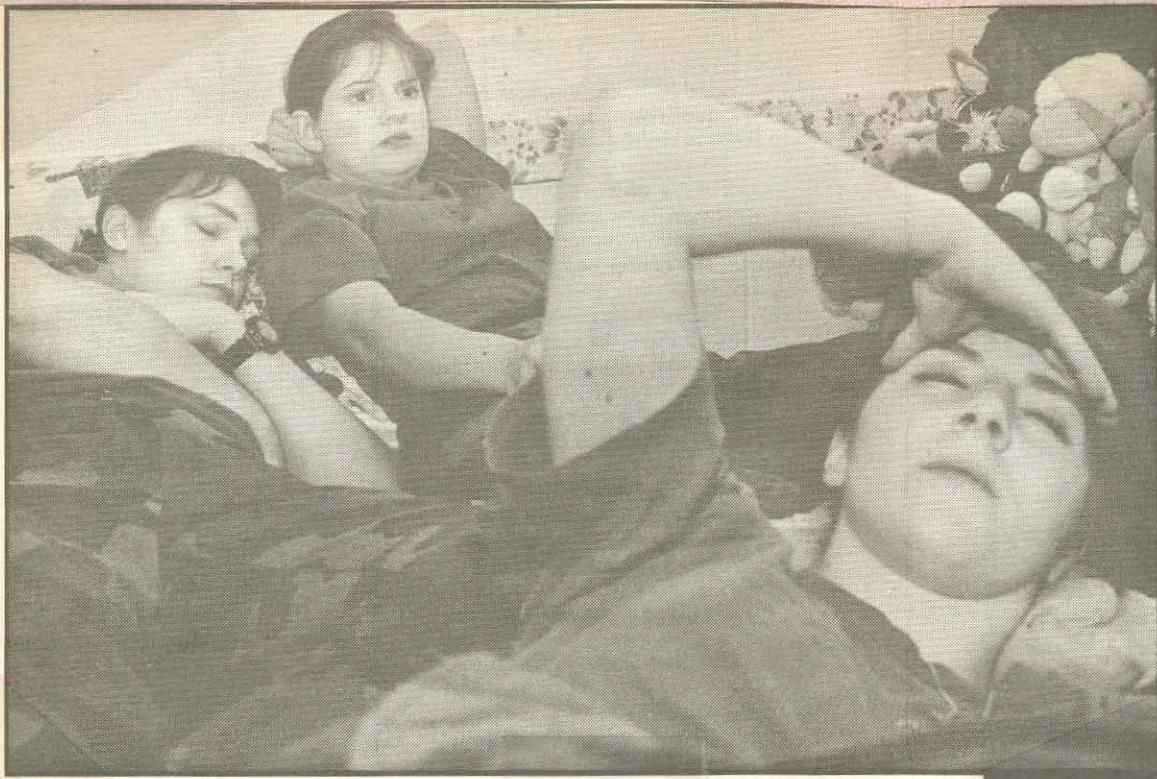
Mrs. Davis

Commissioning



Mr. Walkosak





**▲** ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, Nash, Dugan and Two Rivers crash after spending all night dancing in Nashville. When they got home, the women had to shine boots, iron uniforms and pack rucksacks for a four-mile hike at 6:30 a.m. "If you want any time to go out, you really don't have the time to get any sleep and still do Ranger stuff," Dugan said.

**T**he petite woman in the black and gold formal gown and high heel shoes bore little resemblance to the cadet in camouflage fatigues and combat boots.

During the week, Louisville junior Misty Dugan runs several miles a day, practices for the rifle team and works in the ROTC office between classes.

Saturday, she spent the evening dancing, dining and singing Karaoke at the military ball she helped plan.

Dugan is one of eight women cadets in Western's ROTC program. She is the Ranger 1st Sgt., which makes her second in command of the Rangers.

Although she said it is sometimes harder for a woman to prove herself, she has no complaints about the program. In fact, she loves it.

At 5 feet and 105 pounds, Dugan said being in ROTC has made her tougher.

Three times a week, ROTC cadets meet at 6:30 a.m. for physical training. They usually run a mile or more and do sit-ups and push-ups, Dugan said.

Dugan said she doesn't mind the early mornings or hard work. She and two of her friends even show up an hour early to do aerobics or swim.

"We do more before 6

a.m. than most people do all day," said her friend, ROTC cadet Heather Two Rivers, with a laugh as she sat with Dugan Thursday night to plan the seating arrangement for the military ball.

But not all of her time is spent training.

Wednesdays are often reserved for going out with her friends. Last week, Dugan, Two Rivers and two other women cadets spent Wednesday night dancing at the Oasis in Nashville.

The next morning, after no sleep, they went on a four-mile march while carrying 25 pound rucksacks.

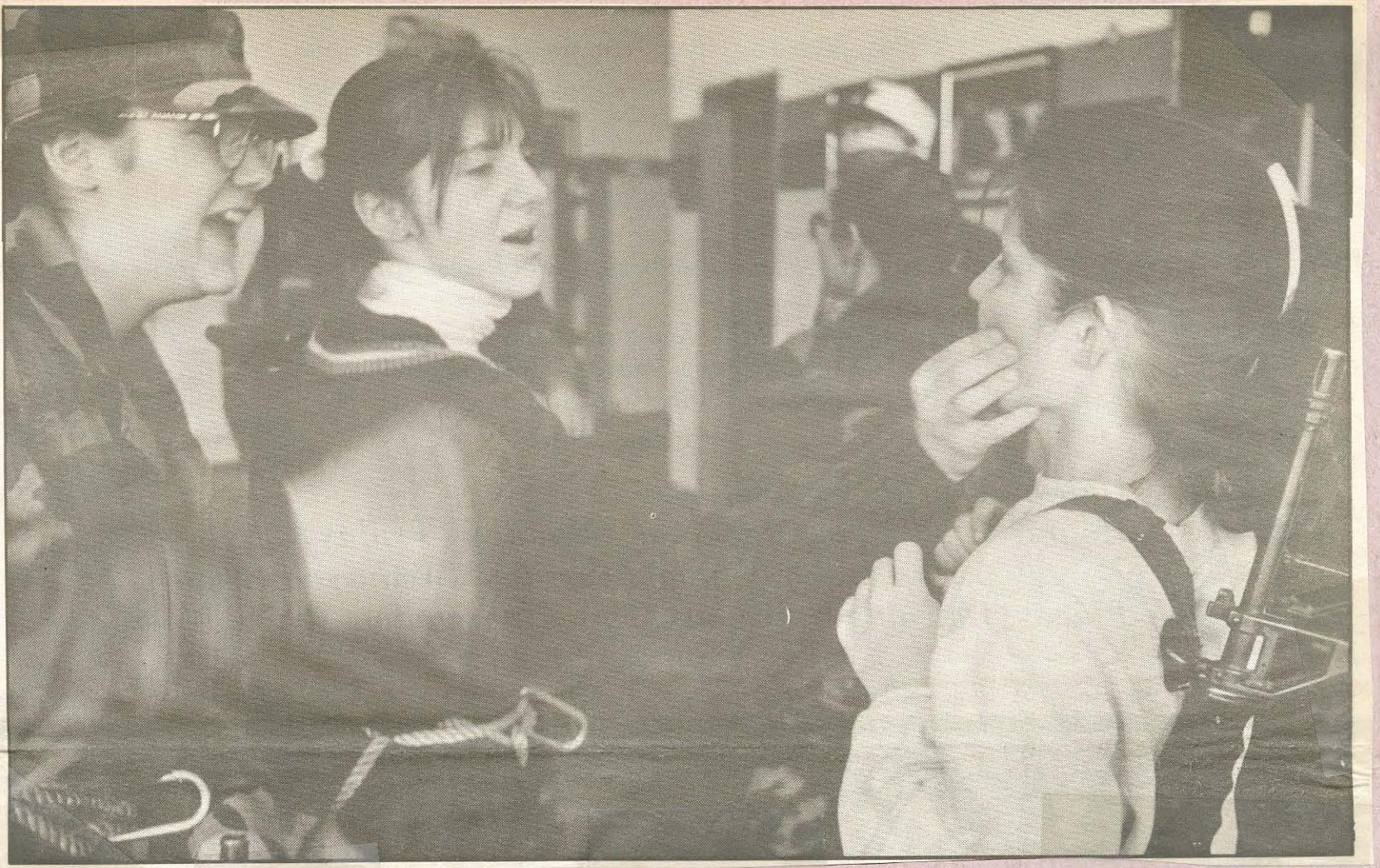
"It gets hectic after a while," Two Rivers, a junior from North Pole, Alaska said.

She decided to join ROTC after taking a mountaineering class. She said she loved the people in her classes and "I just stuck with it. Before I knew it, I signed up."

Her favorite part of ROTC is the people, she said.

Spending weekends in the field, and seeing the same people in class every day makes it easier to make friends, she said.

"At times you get treated like one the guys," she said. "But it's kind of nice to hang out with a group of friends and not worry about how you look."



**A BORN**

**LEADER**

1st Sgt. Misty Dugan is second  
in command of the Rangers

Spring Commissioning . . .



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**Hilltopper  
Battalion**

Army ROTC

Spring Commissioning Ceremony  
8 May 1994, 11:00 am  
Tate Page Auditorium  
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the 1994 Spring Commissioning Ceremony  
for

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**Marvin D. Kellem IV**

**Douglas R. Rosencrans**

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**Heidi I. Whitescarver**

to be commissioned  
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on  
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Tate Page Auditorium  
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School Year 94-95  
At WKU KOTC



CSM Instructing PT.



Daily Formation



PT Stretching Touching Toes



The PMS Where Do I Go.



Daily Report.



PMS iC Ba Cmdr Leading The Run.



Ms Ramey Leading



Held on, don't Fall.



The Bn Cmdr & Clan.



The "Beast" and Aco.



In flight CH 47



I'm Really Not sleeping  
Mr. Marlett, Aco. Cmdr



A Co. Group Photo



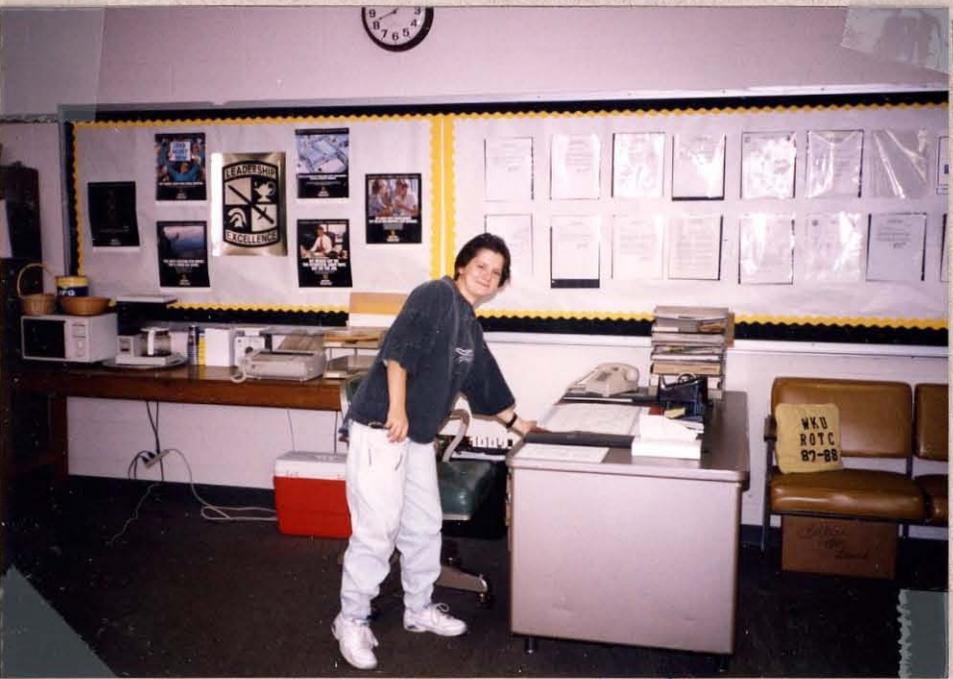
FLRC "Hang in There"



WATER Aerobics



Ms. DUGAN PAYING ATTENTION



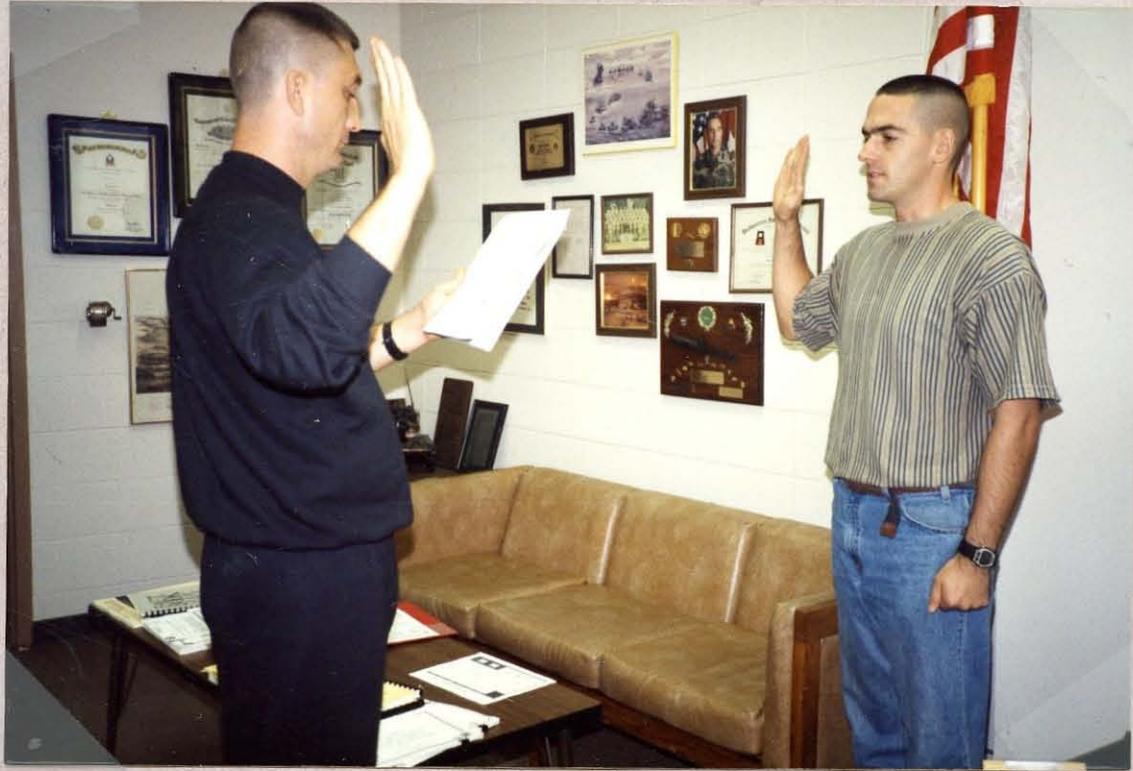
The Bn XO / student Helpdesk



This is fun.



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MR. GUINN  
SWearing In  
CONTRACT.



MR VICE during  
Dinning In.



MR. HUNTER, S.

# 94-95 Ranger Team



Say, "CHEESE"



Hurry up & Take The Picture.



MR SHOPARD,  
"I'm Glad to  
Be Here"  
CPT HENSON,  
"So Am I!"



MR Ladd, R.  
This is a  
good profile  
Shot.



MR Summers, L  
Is This  
Serious Enough

# Commissioning '95

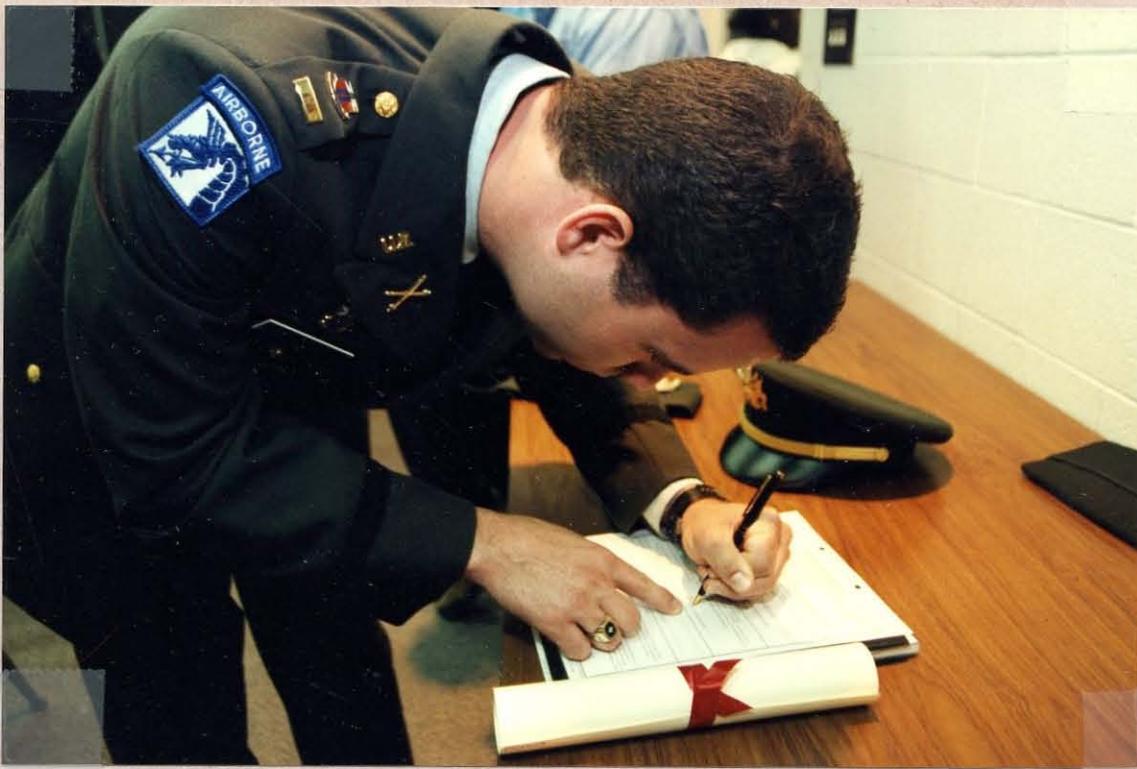


Maj Tyndall Pms  
Comments Prior  
To Swearing In.

- LT Anderson, J.
- LT Davis, M.
- LT Dugan, M.
- LT Swords, C.
- LT Ladd, R.
- LT. Hunter S.
- LT. Two Rivers, H.
- LT. Washington,



LT Ladd's Family  
OUR MALE NURSE.



2LT Anderson, J.  
Signing all  
The Important  
Papers



The Receiving  
Line.



Cadre  
&  
New 2LT's