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# PASS IN REVIEW



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## Advanced ROTC Supplier Of Campus Leaders

Whether it be student government, religious and fraternal organizations, the gridiron, or other recognized clubs or groups, all aspects of campus life are represented by the juniors and seniors in MS III and IV, the Advanced Cadets.

It is more than coincidental that these students are elected or appointed to positions of importance and responsibility. It is recognized that their activism, dedication, and sense of responsibility make them popular natural leaders on whom their peers call for service to the University. One reason for the ranks of Advanced ROTC being such a ready pool for student leadership is that only better-than-average students can enter the program. This fact, coupled with the leadership training received in the Advanced Program, creates an excellent potential for extracurricular service.

Advanced Course ROTC

## Col. Wells Remarks

Observing the constructive and positive attitude of the vast majority of students at JSU is a genuine pleasure and a reassuring experience at a time when national and international stress and tension make us feel that both our nation and the world are faced with insurmountable problems. Student unrest and disaffection, which exist on a significant number of our college and university campuses throughout the nation, generate further feelings of hopelessness.

I extend heartiest congratulations to you patriots of JSU who bear the banner of courage and refuse to yield to dissidents who would make a mockery of your education and your university, and would destroy our great country.

God grant that there are many others your equal to carry on this fine tradition.

Col. F. O. Wells, PMS

Cadets have been well represented in the Student Government Association. Nine of the past 12 SGA presidents and seven of the vice-presidents were Advanced Course students. Steve Gurley, recently selected as the Outstanding Advanced ROTC Cadet in the state of Alabama, is the current SGA president. Other Advanced Cadets serving in SGA are: David Kinsaul—vice-president, David Goldman—senior senator and Homecoming Chairman, Richard Allen—vice-president of the senior class and Samuel Spruiell—president of the junior class.

Professionally-oriented clubs are presided over by such cadets as Ed Meigs of the Accounting Club; Mickey Campbell, Pi Gamma Mu; and James Rodgers, Phi Mu Chi Beta. Religious organizations are served by the cadets also, with senior Phil Thrower currently the State President of the Baptist Student Union.

Jacksonville's growing fraternity system is kept active by Advanced Cadets. Alpha Tau Omega has Russell Greenhalgh as president; Doug Bevis, vice-president; and Norris Gable, treasurer. Delta Chi has Sam Spruiell as secretary and house manager, and boasts of the cadet brigade executive officer, one battalion commander, a brigade staff officer, a company commander and two platoon leaders among its brothers. Omega Kappa is proud of Chris Williamson, president; Butch Pair, its vice-president and also president of Seaboard and Blade; Jim Garmon, secretary; and Sam Chitwood, historian.

University athletics are represented by football defensive stalwart Charlie McRoberts, and Chris Wanzer, varsity player who had to miss the 1969 season due to injuries. One of the consistent standouts of the Varsity Rifle Team is David Skees, a junior cadet.

Thus it is seen that Jacksonville's Advanced Cadets

## JSU ROTC Comes Of Age

As Alabama celebrates its 150th birthday in 1969, so does the ROTC program. It doesn't go back that far at JSU, but does date from 1 July 1948, which means it celebrates its "coming of age", or 21st birthday, in 1969.

The detachment originally produced only field artillery officers, and had one battalion with two companies and 163 cadets, many of whom had combat experience in World War II. Currently there are almost 1400 basic cadets and over 70 in the Advanced program. The cadet brigade has two battalions consisting of 10 companies as well as a band, Pershing Rifles precision drill team, and a Ranger company.

In 1954 the detachment was changed from a producer of field artillery lieutenants to one of general military science, which permitted the lieutenants more latitude in their request for a branch in which to be commissioned.

Graduates of the JSU ROTC program participated in the Korean War, and many more have served in Vietnam, where five have given their lives in the service of their country and the cause of freedom.

The detachment has seen the change in name occur from Jacksonville State Teachers College to Jacksonville State College to Jacksonville State University, and has participated in the growth and expansion associated with each change. All qualified sophomores have the opportunity to enter the Advanced program and take their place in what will be the "future history" of the Jacksonville ROTC Program.

are young men of action and ability, men who now serve their University and who will soon serve their country as officers and leaders in the United States Army.

## Gurley Named Alabama's Outstanding ROTC Cadet



The Brigade Commander, Cadet Col. Steve Gurley, was recently selected the Outstanding Senior ROTC Cadet in Alabama for 1969 by the Alabama Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association of America.

The award was announced on 11 November 1969 in Birmingham at the conclusion of that city's day-long National Veterans Day observance. The selection was made after a careful consideration of the top ROTC Cadets in colleges and universities throughout Alabama.

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## ROTC SPONSORS

The "Brightest Spot" of the weekly leadership laboratory comes with the arrival of the sponsors. Clad in bright red, these girls are a beautiful sight anywhere, but especially on the drill field.

The ROTC Sponsors consist of young ladies selected from coeds in the sophomore, junior, and senior years. They are assigned to

each cadet company, each battalion headquarters, and to the Brigade Headquarters. In addition, the Ranger Company and the Pershing Rifles unit have a varying number of sponsors assigned. Their function is to represent the Corps of Cadets and to loyally and enthusiastically support its activities, which they accomplish in an outstanding manner.

Sponsors selected for the fall semester and their honorary cadet ranks are: Cadet Colonel Jeanie Bailey; Cadet Lt. Colonels Christa Hill, Barbara Starnes, and Diann Weaver; Cadet Majors Joyce Lloyd, Linda Rice, Jennifer Wiley, and Gayle Wilhite; Cadet Captains Sherrill Bailey, Dianne Dill, Diann Galon, Lynn Harris, Charlyne Henry, Di-

ane Hochholzer, Sara Ann Love, Karin McDonald, Stephanie Pannebaker, Nina Polk, Jeanine Potts, Sue Reeves, Becky Scott, Donna Whitman, and Diane Woodall.

These ladies, led by Cadet Colonel Jeanie Bailey, are a welcome addition to the ROTC program and have done much to raise the morale and esprit de corps of the cadets.



Sponsors for the 1st Battalion of the cadet brigade are: First row, from left to right, Dianne Dill, Diane Hochholzer, Donna Whitman, Lynn Harris, Karen McDonald; second row, Jennifer Wiley, Christa Hill, Nina Polk, Joyce Lloyd, Becky Scott; third row, Sue Reeves, Barbara Starnes, Gail Wilhite, Jeanine Potts, Diane Woodall.



Sponsors for the 2d Battalion of the cadet brigade are: First row, from left to right, Jeanie Bailey, Brigade sponsor, Charlyne Henry; second row, Stephanie Pannebaker, Diann Galin, Diann Weaver, Sherrill Bailey, Linda Rice and Sara Ann Love.



Honorary Cadet Colonel Jeanie Bailey, senior from Birmingham, Alabama, at a Thursday leadership lab session. Colonel Jeanie, as the highest-ranking sponsor, acts as coordinator of the other sponsors and is their link with the brigade staff. Always presenting a winning smile during her walks around the parade field, Jeanie—along with the other sponsors—is an indispensable part of leadership lab periods at JSU.



Two of the sponsors, Christa Hill, left, and Barbara Starnes, with their cadet escorts shown during a break in their routine of walking among the platoons and presenting the cadets with a big smile during leadership lab periods.



## J.S.U. Ranger Company



Elevators may be less tiring but certainly not as enjoyable as this method of getting to the bottom of things known militarily as "rappelling".

"RANGER" — the proud cry of a group of JSU cadets, can be heard clearly as they enthusiastically pursue their activities. Officially, they are the counter-insurgency unit with the designation of the Tenth Alabama Volunteers. The unit's mission is to provide training in the techniques of counter-insurgency and unconventional warfare, to develop self-reliance and confidence of the individual in himself, and to provide a physical conditioning program for the Ranger cadet.

In addition to twice-weekly periods of vigorous training in physical fitness, hand to hand combat, patrolling, and small unit tactics, the Rangers participate in a series of weekend field training exercises. Two such training problems were held during the fall semester.

Early in October the Rangers moved to Fort McClellan's Pelham Range to conduct training in escape and evasion. To stimulate interest, the exercise area was saturated with "aggressor" forces consisting of advanced course cadets and members of the Pershing Rifles unit.

Moving through the aggressor area during the night and into the early morning, the Rangers were required to employ the techniques of

noise discipline, security, and use of compass, in order to avoid detection and capture. The following morning, after brief instruction in survival techniques, the Rangers were required to prepare a meal using locally available food, which included live chickens.

Again in December the unit returned to the Fort for a weekend of training in mountain warfare techniques. After a moonlight climb of one of the higher peaks on the military reservation, the Rangers established a clandestine camp near the summit and settled down for what rest was possible in the bitter cold. Up again before dawn, and after a hasty breakfast, they moved a short distance to a cliff site where the remainder of the exercise was devoted to rugged training in rappelling techniques.

The Ranger unit is commanded by Cadet Major Tom Knox and Cadet Lieutenant Mike Whitlock is the executive officer. Joyce Loyd, the sponsor, has been an enthusiastic supporter of the unit's activities, including her participation in their field training exercises.

When you see a cadet wearing the black beret of the Ranger, you know that he has successfully completed the mentally and physically taxing training he has received in the ROTC Program.



A group of Rangers with Colonel Wells, PMS and Ranger sponsor Joyce Loyd during a search for the elusive aggressor during a fall FTX.



"Be careful and don't dirty your napkin" might be—but isn't—the caption of this domestic scene of a group of JSU Rangers on a fall FTX at the Fort McClellan reservation. Most rugged types agree that chow is always better when fixed this way.

### Drill Has A New Look For '70

Beginning with the spring semester the Military Science Department will launch a new and experimental Leadership Laboratory program. During this semester, instead of the usual Thursday and Friday drills, students will have a choice of eight drills, two on Tuesday and six on Thursday.

One of the reasons for this sweeping reorganization in the drill setup is to assist students in scheduling classes. Often in the past, the limited lab periods conflicted with other required courses, creating problems for the cadets.

Drills will be held in company-sized elements on the field adjacent to the National Guard Armory. In case of inclement weather drill can be moved into the Armory. This location, being close to the Military Science Building, will facilitate control as well as issue of weapons used during the laboratory periods.

Some problems can be anticipated in this change. However, it is believed that the advantages to the students will outweigh any disadvantages and thus the reason for the experimental program.

## Pershing Rifles

The "PR's"! Sound strange to you? Those letters stand for Company I-4, JSU's local affiliate of the National Society of Pershing Rifles that was founded by General John J. (Blackjack) Pershing at the University of Nebraska in 1894.

JSU's company was founded in 1962 and currently numbers 28 members led by Cadet Major Richard Helms. Its aim is to be the sharpest precision drill team around, and it goes far toward reaching that goal as evidenced by the requests from local communities for its services. This semester it participated in the mammoth Veterans Day Parade in Birmingham, JSU Homecoming Parade, the Christmas parades in Talladega and Jacksonville, and the Sesquicentennial Parade in Anniston. Next semester it will perform at the annual Fourth Regimental Drill Meet at Ft. Gordon, Georgia.

The PRs practice—quite strenuously—on Mondays and Wednesdays, and membership is open to any interested cadet. All that is necessary is military bearing, a good attitude, and a willingness to work HARD.

### CADET OF THE MONTH

Each month cadets displaying superior military knowledge, military courtesy, appearance and bearing are recognized through selection as Cadet of the Month and Cadet Noncommissioned Officer of the Month.

At press time, four cadets have been thus recognized.



JSU cadets who finished first in their respective platoons at summer camp being congratulated by Dr. Houston Cole, JSU President (left), are left to right, Otto Fox, Glenn Cook, Don Burns, Tom Knox, Russell Greenhalgh, and Butch Pair.



A Pershing Rifle in his special blue uniform stands in front of the ROTC building.

But as the pictures show, hard work does have its rewards, both in superior performance in a parade and a little relaxation at a party.

Rick Helms is assisted by cadets Harvey Plemmons, Don Gilmore, and Larry Abrams, and the PR's three lovely sponsors, Gayle Wilhite, Sue Reeves, and Diane Woodall.



Front rank of cadet PR's approaching a reviewing stand.



And there they go—on toward the successful completion of another parade in a nearby community.



"NOW, THAT I CAN UNDERSTAND!"

"Cartoon, By Hugh Bryant"

## J.S.U.'s Scabbard and Blade

Scabbard and Blade is a national military honor society with local chapters in nearly 200 leading colleges and universities. The aims of Scabbard and Blade are to raise the standards of military education, to encourage and foster the essential qualities of good and efficient officers, and to promote friendship and good fellowship among cadet officers. The JSU chapter has also been deeply involved in civic projects which teach the members responsibilities of service and good citizenship.

This past semester at JSU, the Scabbard and Blade painted the parking meters and war memorial for the city of Jacksonville, collected donations for a Christmas fund for the Veterans Hospital in Birmingham, and supervised the building of the ROTC Homecoming float, which achieved second place in the float competition. In addition



These Blade members have just completed the civic project of painting the parking meters around the Jacksonville town square.

to these activities, the Blade also sent one of its members, Tom Knox, to the National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, and sponsored the annual Christmas Ball for the SGA. At the Christmas Ball, which was one of the social highlights of the fall semester, the JSU chapter initiated two honor-

ary members; Dr. Theron Montgomery, Dean of the University, and Col. Forest O Wells, Professor of Military Science.

Officers of the JSU chapter for the school year 1969-1970 are: Carlos Pair, Captain; Tom Knox, First Lieutenant; Robert Bonner, Second Lieutenant; and David

Goldman, First Sergeant. These officers and the twenty-one other elected members should be proud of the tremendous job they have done in fulfilling the aims of the Society.

Company B, 9th Regiment of the National Society of the Scabbard and Blade is JSU's affiliate of the military society that was founded at the University of Wisconsin in 1904.

In addition to active and alumni members, honorary memberships are awarded to persons designated by the National Society for outstanding achievement. Some prominent alumni are the late President of the US, Herbert Hoover; former Secretary of State, Dean Rusk; and Astronaut John W. Young. Honorary members of note include the late President of the US, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Charles Lindberg, and the late Will Rogers.



Col. Wells, left, presents Distinguished Military Graduate certificates to Cadets Clenn Cook, Steve Gurley, Rick Helms, James Rodgers, David McWhorter, Bobby Goins, David Kinnaul, Ted Craig, and Phil Thrower.



## Rifle Team

The Gamecock Rifle Team, well represented by ROTC cadets, has become one of the strongest in Alabama, rebounding from two early-in-the-season losses and defeating each of the four teams it has met in recent matches. Decisive defeats have been handed Spring Hill, Tuskegee, and Florence.

Three varsity letters have been earned by first string "Gold" team members Sandy Berry (captain), Terry Thames (co-captain), and George Frankl. David Skees and Dan Watson are close on their heels in the principal lineup.

The team also fires a "Blue" team against opposing teams whenever possible. Thus, JSU christens its new shooters under fire to shake out match jitters and also reaps the advantage of higher "confidence building" scores fired by the new shooters when they exert greatest effort during matches. The "Blue" team is by no means merely a second string team since ten men normally compete and the highest five comprise the team score.

The "Blue" team members are: Regina Pruitt (captain), Ellis Smith, Linda Day, James Davis, Paul Barney, Steve Robertson, and Rick Foster.

Regina Pruitt, the high-

est woman scorer of the season, fired a sizzling 222 in the last match with Florence. Another woman shooter, Jacki Benefield, established JSU history as she became the first woman to become a scoring member of the Gold Team on October 18th at Tuskegee.

The Team is coached by Sergeant First Class James Keeton and is affiliated with the National Rifle Association (NRA). Lt. Colonel Robert Byrom is the Team Advisor.

The rifle team will compete in its first NRA match 13-14 February when Spring Hill College sponsors the Alabama Intercollegiate Smallbore Rifle Championship. To meet this challenge the rifle team constantly seeks new shooters. Interested students should contact Sergeant First Class Keeton at the ROTC Building.

Members of the ROTC who are designated outstanding shooters of these and other matches can be recommended by the PMS to compete on an ROTC high power rifle team in the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, this summer. These shooters will be trained by the Third US Army Advanced Marksmanship Unit in July. Uniforms, food, housing, and travel expenses will be paid by the Army.

## Why Enter Advanced ROTC?

Did you ever wonder why a normal, level-headed American young man would want to sign away two years of his life to the Army through the Advanced ROTC program? Although initially you may think it is an unwise move, read on. You may be surprised—and you may see why those who have been through the program and enjoy the luxury of hindsight consider entering the Advanced program one of the most important decisions of their lives.

The sophomore year of a male college student is filled

with questions and decision making. Will he remain in school? Will he drop out for a job that doesn't match his aptitude? Will he marry that special girl? Will he attempt to be the campus party doll? The answer to each of these questions will have a profound impact upon his entire life. But one of the most important and far-reaching questions will be: should he enter the Advanced ROTC program?

He must realize that entering the program means

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Front Row, left to right: Regina Pruitt, Sandy Berry, David Skees and Linda Day. Back row: Terry Thames, Richard Foster, Paul Barney, Ellis Smith, Jim Davis and George Frankl.

## ROTC Band

The ROTC Band is comprised of volunteer musicians. It furnishes the music necessary for ceremonies and parades conducted by the Corps of Cadets and enhances morale and esprit de corps within the Cadet Brigade. Presently the band is divided so as to provide a marching band for both Leadership Lab periods, and also participates in various parades locally. Beginning next semester, the band will drill only as one unit on Tuesday from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. During the spring semester, they present a public concert. Guest musicians

from the Jacksonville State University and Jacksonville High School perform with the band during this concert. It has traditionally been one of the highlights of the concert season for the students and residents of this area.

The Cadet leaders of the band are selected both for their musical and leadership ability. They presently include Tony L. Carroll, bandmaster; James A. Lockhart, 1st Battalion drum major; and Richard L. James, 2nd Battalion drum major.

## ROTC Flight Program

This semester five Advanced ROTC cadets decided to get "above it all" by beginning a challenging and enjoyable program of individual training as student pilots. The MS IV cadets enrolled in the flight program are Hans Gray, Russell Greenhalgh, Tom Knox, Donald Burns, and Phil Thrower. Knox explained his entry into the program by saying, "I had always wanted to fly and this was a golden opportunity to do just that. I was really surprised to find that flying isn't basically difficult; however, it does take practice and concentration." Gray expressed his thoughts this way: "It's fun to fly and I was even able to take off the first time I

ever got in a plane."

The ROTC Flight Program has been established to allow qualified MS IV cadets the opportunity to earn a private pilot's license from a civilian flight school while still in college. The program, which is financed by the United States Army, includes 36 hours of flight time and 35 hours of ground school. Soon after entry on active duty, the flight graduate goes to the US Army Aviation School at Fort Rucker, Alabama where about 98% of the ROTC flight trainees successfully complete the flight course. This compares favorably with the 60% completion rate for those without ROTC flight training.

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Telling it like it is—Cadet Captain Keith Letcher explains a report to his first sergeant, basic cadet Timothy C. Hathorn.



Overcoats are the order of the day during a chilly leadership lab period late in the fall semester.



A typical daily inspection of cadets and rifles being conducted by Cadet Lieutenant Chris Wanzer, platoon leader of the 4th platoon of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion.



All eyes and ears are on the platoon leader as he explains what will be done next.

## ROTC Summer Camp

ROTC Summer Camp can be summed up in one word; unforgettable. For JSU cadets, it takes place at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, a large Army post located near the Carolina coastal plain. During the summer months when camp is being held the cadets must accustom themselves to extreme heat, monstrous insects, driving rain, and a typical Army fast-paced program of instruction.

But none will ever say that the experience is of no value, and although few would relish going again, all appreciate having gone once. Summer camp is the initial contact with Army life for most of our cadets and it begins the day they arrive at Fort Bragg after an exhaustive drive from Alabama.

First, there is the in-processing and the issue of clothing and equipment. This "gear", as all basic trainees know, must be properly cleaned and protected at all times, and the cadets learn this early and firmly. A myriad of subjects are learned during the next six weeks, ranging from rifle marksmanship, patrolling,

and physical conditioning (lots of that), to map-reading, first aid, and group living. The cadets from JSU learned their lessons well last summer, evidenced by a school standing of third among 45 other colleges and universities represented from the Southeast, and having six cadets rated as best in their respective platoons.

Social life, although limited, is not altogether forgotten, and a highlight of camp last summer was the party held on visitors' day when Dean Theron Montgomery and Colonel Wells, PMS, attended a party for the cadets and cadre from JSU. Weekend entertainment was varied and ranged from sightseeing in the countryside to visits in the local community of Fayetteville, or simply catching up on sleep in the barracks.

To sum it up, the training gave the cadets an insight, both mentally and physically, into Army life as seen from the inside. After another year as MS IV (senior) cadets, they will be well prepared to step into the ranks as second lieutenants in the United States Army.

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signing a contract with the Army that is actually a two-way street. He is obligated to remain in the program if he remains in school, but he is also a member of the Army Reserve, which makes him draft exempt (regardless of his number!) and, he receives \$50 a month subsistence. For those who apply and qualify, there are Army scholarships available for one, two, or three years. These pay tuition, books, and fees, and the cadet still receives his \$50 per month.

There are many reasons why a man would desire to serve as an officer in the Army, but many of these are personal ones that affect

men individually. Some proven advantages include higher pay, more challenging duties, executive type training that is valuable when carried to civilian life, and travel to all parts of the world. But this article is not intended to be a recruiting one; rather, it is intended to point out the advantages of being an officer, and to show the ease by which qualified sophomores can attain a commission via Advanced ROTC. The choice is yours!

### ROTC Flight Program

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For anyone wanting to fly, the Flight Program is just another good reason for a young man to become a part of the total ROTC Program.