Volume 1, Issue 2
January 2003

As we begin the spring semester having taken a much-deserved break, the Cyclone Battalion is doing well. Currently we have over 200 students enrolled in one of our military science classes. Of this number, a total of 71 cadets have contracted to become officers in the U.S. Army. Many are already serving as simultaneous members with the reserve components. How well is the Cyclone Battalion doing? As an organization that develops leaders, some of the many accomplishments include:
- Running the game ball football to Iowa City prior to the Iowa & Iowa State football game.
- Supporting 3 Ranger Challenge teams as they competed against 13 other teams; 1 ISU team winning 3rd overall, and Drake winning 4th.
- Patrolling the streets of Ames during Halloween.
- Working 7 football concessions stands earning almost $8000 for the cadet fund; over $2000 of this amount was a result of pure gratuities.
- There are many individual cadet accomplishments we are proud of and worth noting:
  - 12 cadets continue to maintain cumulative GPA’s over 3.50.
  - 7 cadets received the maximum score on the Army Physical Fitness Test.
  - 3 cadets have won monetary scholarships totaling $2500 for their overall outstanding performance in: scholarship, physical fitness, leadership potential, and extracurricular activities.
- The Cyclone Battalion continues looking towards upcoming events this spring semester: Adventure Training, where we will be skiing at Afton Alps in Minnesota. Following this event we will be conducting our Military Ball and Awards Ceremony in Des Moines. Finally, we will conduct a field training exercise. This Field Training Exercise is the culmination of the year’s training and leadership laboratories and prepares our juniors, as I’m sure you remember, for the National Advanced Leadership Camp (NALC) at Ft. Lewis, Washington State. The NALC is a new name for, depending on when you were at ISU/Drake, Camp Adventure or Advance Camp. It is still an important camp as choice of branch depends on final standings. We held a farewell lunch for Sandi Partlow last week, after 19 years she is retiring and will truly be missed. I hope you enjoy the newsletter. Please send comments or suggestions to our e-mail address.

Inside this issue:

Bulldog (Drake) Update 2
Sandi Partlow says Good-By 2
New Commission Officers (December) Graduates. 3
Ranger Challenge Football Concessions 3
Army v. Navy Football Game
MSIV Staff Ride to Vicksburg 4
Being A Women in a “Man’s Army” ROTC SMP Experience ISU Goes International 5
Alumni Coordinator Corner 6/7

The Gangs All Here: Back row from left to right: CPT Runyon (Enrollment); 2LT Payne (Gold Bar); SGT Vance (Supply); MAJ Meyer (MS I&III Instructor/S3 / XO); MAJ Krohn MS II Instructor / S1-4); MAJ Showers (Drake OIC); SSG Taylor (Admin NCO); First Row: Sandi (Federal Secretary); LTC Meek (The Boss); SFC Mayner (Operations NCO); Diane (ISU Secretary).
What is new at Drake Army ROTC? A lot! We will be relocating to a new building and hope to be in our new location by the end of February. Currently we are located at 1161 26th Street just across University Avenue and Old Main. We are the house that proudly flies the flag and has the Army ROTC Leadership Excellence sign on it. We are also upgrading our ability to serve new and current participants with new computers, new study areas and the all-important cable TV in our newly redesigned location. The new Army ROTC will be located at 1153 on 24th Street just two blocks east of our present location. We will keep you posted on our progress. If you are in Des Moines drop by, Oh bring an old picture if you have one. “Go Bulldogs”

Cadet Philip Fisher from Drake University takes the Cyclone Battalion Colors from LTC Meek to be the new Cadet Battalion Commander. Since there are no historical records maintained, except those in Sandi’s head to our knowledge this is the first time a Drake cadet has taken over as the Cadet Battalion Commander.

This is it! I’m really going to retire. As I leave I have many mixed emotions. I will miss the Cadre and Cadets, my cozy office (and my music that everyone puts up with), and hearing from the alumni. It is my greatest joy to have past cadets come back to visit, sometimes with their families. I’m very proud of all of you. I talked to the last group of commissionees before I retire at their practice and as I wished them well, I also told them each one has made a memory for me. You all have! Thank you for allowing me the pleasure of watching you grow and develop into U.S. Army officers. Take care and God Bless! Sandi
Congratulations to the Newest Cyclone Battalion Alumni Members

Iowa State University President Dr. Geoffrey was the distinguished guest speaker for the commissioning.

College of Liberal Arts & Science Dean Dr. Peter Rabideau introducing the president.

Shaun Hamilton  Richard Rush  Evan Starcevic  Micheal Wessling  Fred Cashaw

Army ROTC Ranger Challenge

In October 2002, ISU & Drake ROTC Ranger Challenge teams competed against ten other teams from different universities. The Army ROTC Ranger Challenge teams undergo a difficult training schedule to prepare for the competition. The cadets that participate go through a two-month training program before competition. There were nine events: APFT, One Rope Bridge, Assemble/Disassemble the M16/Saw, Hand Grenade Assault Course, a surprise event, Land Navigation, and concluded with a 10K Ruck March. When all the numbers were tallied ISU came in 3rd place and 12th place and Drake came in 4th. Some of you may remember the pain of participating in Ranger Challenge, truest me the pain is still there. This years event was called, “15 Hours of Pain” in that all the events took place on one day, a very long day. This was the fifth year that ISU came in third. Next year will be our year as 90% of the teams members will be returning.

Iowa State University Football Concession:

It was a great year - we made almost $8,000 - a 55% increase over 2001. All moneys go to the cadet staff for activities, parties and the Military Ball and to teach them budgeting. If you are in town during one of the seven games next year stop by our stand, it is the one on the North East corner of the stadium.
Another day that will live in Infamy (December 7th, 2002) the mighty Army Cyclone Battalion battled the side of darkness (Navy-Marine Corps). The game was full of high and low points. It was a pitched battle with both sides giving all that they had. Unfortunately, due to bad weather (the lighting inside Lied Rec) the Navy avenged last year’s loss by defeating the Cyclone Battalion. But we will win next year!

MS IV Cadet Staff Ride to Vicksburg

Bonding Time: The staff ride to Vicksburg was an educational and inspirational trip for the MSIV’s that attended. The mission and purpose was to give the incoming MSIV’s a chance to get to know one another before we took command of the Cyclone Battalion. The trip started out with approximately 15 cadets that had recently returned from National Advance Leaders Camp (NALC) over the summer. Cadets from ISU and also Drake University attended. The two fifteen passenger vans that were used to carry the 15 cadets gave a comfortable ride throughout the trip. The cadets for the first time got a chance to share their war stories with one another. Throughout the trip, one by one every cadet felt like we knew everyone and something about each person before arriving in Vicksburg. Vicksburg astounded us when we were able to see how beautiful and historical the place really was. LTC Meek who made it all possible for us to take the trip led us through some amazing true life stories of the great battle of men fighting for something they all believed in: Land and freedom. We even had the opportunity to re-create one of the famous campaigns of a company from Iowa which was part of the Union Army and how they played a big part in the battle by taking on the state of Texas who was part of the Confederate Army of the South. The reenactment was led by Cadet Hamilton who is now a commissioned officer. Cadet Hamilton told his troops to line up off the guide-on, which was held by Cadet Cashaw, who is now a commissioned officer. He then commanded his troops to march forward side by side through the thicket, shoulder high branches, and hilly hills. When the cadets could not see each other through the rough terrain cadet Hamilton commanded his troops to keep there eyes on the guide-on. When the cadets reached the objective, we were commanded to take the hill and plant the ISU Battalion guide-on on the top of the hill and secure it. When we attacked the hill, we felt the adrenaline rush through us as we reached the top. Scarred and bruised we lost one cadet by the name of Boyenga, who stepped on an ant farm and became a casualty to us. However, when it was all over the Colonel briefed us on what actually took place on that day and how many lives were lost. Going Home: When the trip was over and we were on our way home everyone was happy about the trip and expressed what it meant to them. There were cadets that never been to the south of the country before and loved the experience. In addition, being able to learn about our countries history and applying it to today’s society; it was a lesson learned. By 2LT Cashaw
The Pershing Riles are still an active club at Iowa State. Last semester we were fortunate to have the Iowa National Guard Aviation unit in Boone fly the members in their helicopters. We also went to Des Moines to battle it out in a “Paint Ball War.” We are very active in the community this semester we sponsored the area Boy Scouts “Winter Survival” with over 300 Boy Scouts attending. We are open to all ISU students. We usually meet every Thursday night and do a wide variety of activities that center on Military skills.

Cadet Staff Sergeant Theresa Weber

Pershing Rifle’s Headquarters are located in the North-East corner of the Armory

Cyclone Battalion Goes International

Cadet Royson Chem-Yee Chong is currently 20 years old and from the country of Malaysia. He is a Sophomore majoring in Computer Engineering and minoring in Military Science. He expects to graduate in May 2004. By participating in Military Science he hopes to learn more about the American Army and also acquire a stronger body. He has taken all 100 and 200 level ROTC courses as well as MS 301. He is currently enrolled in MS 302 and has plans to complete all MS courses. He also assisted the cadre in renovate the building this past summer. He is a power house and brings diversity to the class discussion.

Cadet Stephanie Rose Kadlicko called (Canada) is a Freshmen and enrolled in Military Science 100 level classes. Her father and mother are originally from Yugoslavia, moving to Canada in 1971 where Stephanie was born in 1983. In high school she was the captain of the schools women basketball team as well as the rugby team. She played first flute in the school band and performed in several school musicals. Stephanie has, for years, aspired to work for the military. She chose to come to Iowa and decided to pursue her military dreams as best she could while she applies for citizenship. She hopes to one day serve in the military as a surgeon.
Alumni Coordinator’s Corner: Major Harold (Harry) Meyer (84)

What a rush…. We have worked real hard this past semester increasing the rolls of the Cyclone Battalion and the Bulldog Detachment. We have a heck of a lot of new cadets. We have a great many females that have joined the battalion. Young women really like the program. That’s great for the Army. A lot of old cadets have dropped by to see me and real old ones, like 50s and 60s graduates to see the Armory. The place is a lot different then when I was a cadet, but then again this is a new Army. With two computer labs it is a lot easier on studying than when I was a cadet here. The cadets hang around all the time due to the lounge, cable TV and the computer labs. We have installed cipher locks on all doors so cadets can utilize all the facilities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and they do. I really wish the Cyclone Battalion was like this when I was here. The only big difference is we lost the drill floor in the Armory to the Design College, so we have to conduct drill and lab classes at state gym. Drake detachment will be moving into a new building and they too have a computer lab. I hope each of you will e-mail me news of what is going on in your life. I wanted to e-mail this newsletter but you have to have publisher to read it. We are working on it! I strongly recommend that you look at the Cyclone Battalion Internet Site. www.armyrotc.iastate.edu , it is constantly being updated with information. I hope you enjoy this newsletter. Write you in the fall….

Major Brian K. Serota (90) / Major Kyle Foley (90)

It is always a pleasure to have Alumni come back to Cyclone Country to talk to cadets about their experiences in the Army. Last semester Major’s Serota and Foley gave a presentation on the Army Aviation and Air Defense Artillery Branches as well as other aspects of the Army to senior AROTC Cadets. They are both attending Command and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth Kansas. They both did a real good job. There were rewarded with Cyclone Hats, Shirts and the old reliable and coveted Army Coffee Cup…

Major Kyle Foley (90)


Major Brian K. Serota (90)

Major Brian K. Serota graduated from ISU and was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate into the Aviation Branch. Assigned to Fort Rucker, AL. He graduated Flight School from the Scout Track and the OH-58D(I) Kiowa Warrior Advance Qualification Course. His first assignment was at 2nd Bn, 2nd Aviation Bde, Camp Stanley, Korea, where he served as the Target Acquisition Reconnaissance Platoon (TARP) Plt Ldr. Following his assignment overseas, MAJ Serota was assigned to Fort Bragg, NC in the 4th Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment where he served as an Aerscout Platoon Leader, Assistant S3 Training Officer, Airborne OIC, and Squadron S2. Major Serota was an honor graduate from the Aviation Officer Advanced Course, graduated from the Cavalry Leaders Course and was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 4th Cav Reg where he served as the AS3 Plans Officer/LNO, Squadron S3, S3 Air, and the Delta Troop Cdr. Brian returned to Fort Rucker, AL where he was a Small Group Instructor for the Aviation Captain’s Career Course and served as the Secretary General Staff for the United States Army Aviation Center. He is currently a student at the Command and General Staff Collage, Fort Leavenworth, KS. He is married to the former Cynthia Ziebell, from Springfield, MO. They have two children: Meghan, age eight, and Gunner, age six.
News From Around the World

LTC John F. Hartwell (73) I enjoyed reading the Aug 02 Volume 1, Issue 1, of the ISU Army ROTC Alumni Update. Thank you for including me on your mailing list. Let me introduce myself. I am John Hartwell. I went through the two-year ROTC program at ISU in '71-73. I recall my time in Military Science class and out in the woods at various state parks, WETS, and Camp Dodge with fondness. It was a welcomed break from the academic rigor of getting a MS in Civil Engineering. We spent a considerable amount of time standing formation and practicing Drill and Ceremonies on the main floor of the Army. I recall running through campus getting and staying in shape for active duty with a squad of cadets. Those were the days. My final year in the Cyclone BN, I was privileged to be the Cadet BN Commander and had a great time learning to plan and lead the other cadets. I had a great cadet staff that planned and executed some really realistic and interesting FTXs. We had a great time planning, working and then playing together after the battles were won. I went on active duty after completing EOBC at Ft. Belvoir, VA with a 3 year tour in Europe. I was stationed with Kaiserslautern Army Depot and the 693rd Engr Co (D) and then was S-2/3 with the 599th EN BN in Hanau, and XO of the 568th EN Co (LE) until 1 ETS’s in Jan 77 to pursue my engineering career. I remained active in the reserves after spending three years with Exxon in Houston and returning to the Midwest. I was fortunate enough to align with the 416 ENCOM and was able to provide design and consulting engineering services with them until my recent retirement MRD in Aug of last year. I retired as a LTC and had countless opportunities to help out reserve and active duty units with engineering design and construction. Some of those assignments included a stint in Egypt as CENTCOM’s senior Environmental Engineer, and a senior design engineer for JTF-6 on the US-Mexico border. All of it was a heck of a lot of fun as it paralleled my civilian career. I worked for great civilian consulting engineering firm and was privileged to act as office and division manager, then president and chief engineer of a now large midwestern-originated geotechnical engineering firm. I retired at the age of 49 in 1999 from that endeavor. I am now a full time scoutmaster and enjoying retirement fully. I have a wonderful daughter Jennifer (20) attending ISU (Junior in Elementary Education), and two sons Paul (18) and Doug (15) in here in Nebraska. Both boys are Eagle Scouts! Jean, my wife of 28 years, and I feel truly blessed and have always considered it a distinct honor to have been able to serve our great country through active duty army and then in the Army Reserves. It all started at ISU. I met Jean and joined the Army there. God Bless, and carry on! 4314 South 184th St, Omaha, Ne 68135-1736, 402 896-9181 Wendy J. Kinney (96) I am on my second move in one year with Target Corporation. In February, I moved from Noblesville, Indiana to open a brand new distribution center in Phoenix, Arizona. I have been an Operations Group Leader in the Outbound Department since April 2001. In August of this year, I asked if there were any more openings for the new D.C. in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The answer was yes, and I transferred here at the start of December. I will be conducting my second startup, and I am now only 1 hour from home. While I have no long-term plans of staying here, I do hope to settle down longer than 9 months! Target is a great company and they have a huge expansion plan for their distribution network over the next several years. Aside from moving around a lot lately, not much else has changed. It is still just me, my dog and two cats. I did have the luxury of taking a vacation to London this fall to visit a friend, and I thoroughly enjoyed myself! I certainly miss traveling with the Army. I was sad to see that the rifle range had been torn down. However, it sounds as if many needed updates have taken place elsewhere in the department. Now that I am close by, hopefully I will be able to stop by for a visit. Please tell Sandi hello and goodbye for me. I am quite certain she will be greatly missed by the department! My new address is: 1805 Robin Rd, Waterloo, IA 50701 email: wkinney623@aol.com Matt Hallingstad: The ISU Army ROTC website is great and revives a lot of fond memories. I'm writing to update my contact information. E-mail: mhallingstad@wisc.edu. 2228 Martin Street Madison, WI 53713. I am in the midst of my first year of law school at UW-Madison. Finished up a Master's in Biology from Eastern Kentucky University this past summer. Currently, Company Commander for a Combat Engineering unit in Dodgeville, WI. I really enjoy reading about the lives of ROTC graduates and re-connecting. The newsletter is a much-appreciated service. Thanks and take care…

LTC Al Batschelet (83) Please update my mailing address to 8835 Burbank RD Annandale, VA 22003. My work email is al-len.batschelet@js.pentagon.mil our home email and secondary work email is listed below. I am currently working on the joint staff in the 35th Airborne Division. My home email is al-len.batschelet@us.army.mil John L. Shirik (73) My e-mail address has changed slightly. It is now baron921@cox.net The previous address was baron92@gateway.net Cory Grabenbauer (92) grabenbauer.cl@pg.com Thanks for continuing to publish. It is good to read the current news. Cory Grabenbauer, CPT, SC Jon Aldrich (76) My e-mail address is: jon@vfgroup.net 303 Creek Bend League City, TX 77573 Fred V. Scott (70) Fred and Susan Scott, 200 Ash, Muscatine, IA 52761, 563-264-2046, Hissehep@machlink.com MAJ Charlie Hildebrand (84) I was the ROO at Carson-Newman College until I got called back for post September 11 force protection. I am currently at Ft Rucker serving as the Chief of Plans Mobilization and Operations Division. I’m also doing a little flying for the first time in years. I was reading the story about the game and thought I’d check out the ROTC page and there you were! Still weight lifting? Good to know some of the class is still at it. Charlie Tom Burke (Captain) (90) Hey Sir, I received the latest Alumni Newsletter via snail mail. Go ahead and change my mailing to email. I enjoy the updates. Thanks, Tom Burke, 12328 Summer Cir, Olathe, KS 66062, ctpburke@comcast.net

CPT Steve Koontz My current address is: 504 Cypress Trace Dr, Fayetteville, NC 28314. I am now a BN S-4 for the 3-319 Airborne Field Artillery Regiment in the 82d Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, awaiting FSO time and then Battery Command. Thanks for continuing the newsletter - it’s nice to read about the Cyclone Battalion!

Rod Mowbray (71) My street address should be changed to: N3363 Verde Valley Rd. N. I served 20 years in the Wisconsin Army National Guard and retired as MAJ (Signal Corps) in 1992. I am a Professor of Biology at UW-La Crosse.

John Packwood I appreciate your efforts creating the newsletters. It is always good to hear what my peers are up to. I have since changed jobs and no longer work at General Electric. I am now an engineer with Raytheon working on the Phalanx system for the Navy (Sorry for saying the 4-letter word). Thanks again. John Packwood, 3016 Seneca Blvd Louisville, KY 40205, 502-452-8877 pot@bellsouth.net

Glen Howell (93) I am currently farming in southeast Iowa, working on my masters degree from ISU, and serving in the 416th EN. Present position is Environmental Engineer in the Facility Engineering Team located in Peoria, IL. 20464 155th St Columbus Junction, IA 52738-9214 319-728-4002 ghowell@louisacomm.net glen.howell@us.army.mil
Army ROTC
"The Smartest College Course
You Can Take"

WWW.ARMYROTC.IASTATE.EDU

For continuous ISU ROTC Updates, check out our website at:
www.armyrotc.iastate.edu

If you would like to be included in the next edition of the Alumni Update, please email us at:
meyerh@iastate.edu