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 and biking the game ball football to Iowa City prior to the Iowa & Iowa State football game, making money for Multiple Sclerosis.
- Supporting three Ranger Challenge teams as they competed against a total of 13 other teams; 1 ISU team winning 3rd overall, and Drake winning 4th.
- Patrolling the streets of Ames during Halloween to ensure the safety of trick-or-treaters.
- Working 7 football concession 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:

- 5 cadets continue to maintain cumulative GPA’s over 3.50: Anthony Nelson at Drake; Bryce Butler, Pascal Openshaw, Jennifer Bruner, and Tember Aguilar at ISU.
- 7 cadets received the maximum score on the Army Physical Fitness Test: Tember Aguilar, Ryan Edwards, Marenda Porter, Gavin Laskowski, Mya Strohman, Anthony Nelson, and Jessica Daniel.
- 3 cadets have won monetary scholarships totaling $3500 for their overall outstanding performance in: scholarship, physical fitness, leadership potential, and extracurricular activities.

The Cyclone Battalion continues looking towards upcoming events: Adventure Training, Feb 14-15, where we will be skiing at Afton Alps in Minnesota. Following this event we will be conducting our annual Military Ball and Awards Ceremony in Des Moines on Mar 8th. Finally, we will conduct a field training exercise on Apr 11-13. This Field Training Exercise is the culmination of the year’s training and leadership laboratories and prepares our juniors for the National Advanced Leadership Camp at Ft. Lewis, Washington State.

“...I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the cadets in the Cyclone Battalion. They have done well and will continue to excel. My challenge to them, “Remain strong and drive on.”

Drake Bulldog Update: Major Jeffery Showers

Greeting again from Drake. Located in Des Moines, we are a partnership school with ISU. We have been very busy since the last Cyclone Charger. Drake Competed in the Ranger Challenge Competition and finished fourth, the highest ever for our team, out of the thirteen schools that participated. To celebrate the event we held the first ever Ranger Challenge Dining Out at the Court Avenue Pub. Our guest speaker was a 30 year Army and Marine Corps veteran CSM (ret) Commins. We also took time to congratulate and give awards to all involved. Great Job! We also had another first; Phil Fisher, Senior at Drake, is the First Cadet selected to be a Cadet Battalion Commander of the Cyclone Battalion. I have the pleasure to announce that we contracted three new cadets: Alan Brinks, Graham Giles, also a new father, and Mya Strohman. Congratulations! You will be interested to know that we are finally going to move to our new location during Christmas, located on 24th Street just off University Avenue, two blocks east from our present facility. If all goes well when you come back on 13 January 2003 we should be in our new location. Happy New Year. GO
Hello from Drake!
I’m Phil Fisher and will be the Cyclone Battalion’s Battalion Commander. What is the Battalion Commander? He is the cadet that makes everything happen. He is responsible for the success of all cadet activities. I just wanted to drop a line and let everyone know a little about the new guy from “down there.” I am senior Rhetoric Major with Philosophy and Religion as my areas of interest. I did get Infantry branch. I transferred into Drake after a year when I played some college football and tried to be an actor (no, I am serious). I’m excited about Spring semester’s potential, but realize that it will take lots of work on all our parts, and I will make myself as available as possible. I check my e-mail regularly, and have a cell phone that never leaves me unless I am in class. Here is my contact information: 1-515-341-3165; pjf001@drake.edu; jediphil@hotmail.com, keep in mind if its important you can go to the armory and call the long distance numbers. Thanks and good luck. See you during all the many spring semester activities or during labs.

Cadet Battalion Commander: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Phil Fisher

Cadet Deputy Battalion Commander: Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Pascal Openshaw

Army ROTC at Iowa State occupies a modest second-floor hallway of the Armory on campus. Students at the university can see us walking from class to class in our Battle Dress Uniforms (BDUs) or our Class A dress uniforms. Fellow classmates respect the choice we have made and often look up to us. We can feel a sense of accomplishment for doing something that very few university students will ever attempt to undertake.
The spring semester will continue to bring out the best in everyone and prepare cadets for both their military and professional careers. The goals of the battalion are to keep a high level of organization, conduct professional training, and motivate others to join the ROTC program. Many of us will also do our best to help each other personally and promote a sense of community.
As deputy battalion commander, I look forward to working with everyone to

Alpha Company Commander (Juniors): Cadet Captain Bryce Butler

Hello! My name is Bryce Butler, the Alpha Company Commander, and I am a senior in Economics. My Executive Officer, David Giaimo, and my Training Officer, Mark Vanveldhuizen, and I are looking forward to working with Alpha Company this spring.
Many exciting things are planned to prepare these junior’s for NALC 2003. But most importantly, our goal this semester is to build and strengthen men and women of integrity. With the growing needs of today’s Army, leaders of strong character must be prepared to meet those challenges. We have the usual events to include the Military Ball, the water survival lab, and the Joint Field Training Exercise at Camp Dodge. Then, to compliment these, we have lab and physical training dedicated to ensuring success at NALC 2003 for EVERY cadet. The focus of lab will be on the basics of the planning process, land navigation, and instinctual battle drills common to every soldier. Thrown in there for “fun in the sun,” we will have etiquette lessons and dance lessons before the Military Ball so we can all learn to impress our dates. If you have any questions throughout this semester, please feel free to contact me at: 515-956-4385. Go Alpha!
Bravo Company Commander (Sophomore): Cadet Captain Trista Boyenga

Hello, my name is Trista Boyenga, and I am a senior in Sociology. I plan to graduate in December of 2003. As Bravo Company Commander, I am responsible for the training of Bravo Company. With the assistance of Eric Collins, my Executive Officer, I plan to make Bravo Company successful in both academics and in military training. We also have fun team-building activities planned, such as Adventure Training in Minneapolis, MN, which consists of the cadets skiing or going to the Mall of America. Bravo Company has many exciting activities coming up spring semester. In March they may choose to attend the 2003 Military Ball, where they will learn about the social side of the Army. Later that month they may choose to go to Camp Dodge, IA to learn and participate in land navigation and a confidence course. Bravo Company will also gain confidence through events such as learning to rappel. They will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by serving in leadership positions over other students. Bravo Company will also increase professional knowledge in areas such as water survival, personal physical fitness, land navigation, and first aid. Above all, our most important goal for spring semester is to have fun.

Charlie Company Commander (Freshmen): Cadet Captain Marenda Porter

Hello, my name is Marenda Porter. I’m a senior graduating in May 2003. I’m a Finance Major. I’m in the Army Reserves. I will be the Charlie Company Commander for this spring semester. I’m very excited about this upcoming semester, because there are so many activities going on. As of this date there are 36 cadets signed up for 102L with more to follow. I’m sure. We have four big activities going on: first there will be an Adventure Training trip to Minnesota, 14-15 Feb for skiing and shopping at the Mall of America. Second, there will be a big Military Ball, where we dress up that will take place in Des Moines and will be on 8 Mar. It will be a lot of fun, with dancing and other fun activities. Third and fourth, you will have the opportunity to do military training at Camp Dodge on two separate occasions; 29 March and 11-13 April. We will do Army training stuff. It will be a lot of fun and you will learn a lot. Our first lab will be on 15 Jan so I will see you then. Get fired up for a fun semester. See you in lab.

Delta Company Commander (Drake): Cadet Captain Aaron Staryak

Going into second semester, Delta Company must focus its efforts to prepare the MS-III’s for NALC 2003. In the process of preparing our juniors for success, the rest of the company will attain a higher level of excellence. My goals as company commander for Spring 2003 are to instill in all cadets the intestinal fortitude and mental acuity necessary to be a good officer. From freshman all the way up to senior it is the company’s task to build leaders. In order to attain this level of operation Delta Company will find itself facing many challenges, such as more rigorous PT and demanding land navigation courses. It will be a fun time as well, with labs being conducted to teach tactical skills and social activities to build unity. All cadets will learn and have fun and the MS III’s will make the transition to leader that is required of them to succeed.
Hello, my name is Jon von Gillern, and I am currently a Junior in Computer Engineering. I am also minoring in Military Science. Upon my graduation, I would like to work for a defense contractor, and I believe that having a MS minor will give me a better understanding of the client.

I want to take this opportunity to let everyone know the advantages of taking Military Science classes without any intent of commissioning as an Officer in the United States Military. First I would like to dispel any misconceptions that you may have about taking a MS class. I was actually surprised to find out how laid back all of the classes were, there isn’t any standing at attention or saluting, etc. The professors treat you just as any other professors would treat you; in fact I actually wish that I could have the MS professors teach all of my classes.

Another misconception is that you only learn about the military, how it works and other information that only applies to the military. Quite to the contrary, Military Science Courses help you build a myriad of skills including: leadership skills, interpersonal skills, time-management skills as well as general knowledge that are all easily transferred to a corporate environment and life in general. Just because you learn life skills doesn’t mean that you don’t learn about the military, either. I have soaked up very specific information about the military, like the 5,000 acronyms that may be trivial to civilians, but add new depth to the movies like "Black Hawk Down" or "We Were Soldiers Once … and Young."

I have also learned bits of history that every American should, but doesn’t know. Knowing the implications of seemingly unimportant history like the Boxer Rebellion or Operation Urgent Fury helps our society realize how different things could be and why other countries think the way they do about the United States. I have very much enjoyed the courses I have taken in 104 Armory and I recommend them to you.
Hi! My name is Leon Satchell, and I am a senior ROTC cadet at Iowa State University. I grew up in Rialto, California, which is an hour east of Los Angeles. Throughout my childhood, I lived in multicultural areas. When I came to Iowa, I was very surprised at the low percentage of African-American students attending Iowa State University and the low number of African-Americans in the Army ROTC program. Currently, ISU has 27,828 students enrolled, and 2.68 percent are African-Americans. The Army ROTC program has 200 cadets, and about 2.5 percent are African-American. Both ISU and Army ROTC have improved minority recruitment in the past three years in order to create a diverse learning community. I applaud their efforts and wish them future success.

As an African-American in ROTC, I have found that the cadre and my fellow cadets are respectful and friendly. Since joining the program, I have had a wonderful opportunity to develop my leadership and communication skills. For example: I have given presentations; led teams of four, squads of eight, and a platoon of 33; and next semester I will assume the role of Cadet Command Sergeant Major. In this capacity, I will help manage various activities for over 200 cadets. The opportunity to develop and grow as a leader in Army ROTC is open to anyone, regardless of race or gender. Furthermore the knowledge that I have gained is invaluable, and I will apply it to my future as an Army officer and as a person.

I will never forget what I heard next...behind me I could hear a laugh and “Women should never be allowed to wear this uniform, these are manly threads.” For the next 18 weeks I trained alongside males that relentlessly accused females of fear of rifles, running too slow, and being the weak link in the platoon. None of these beliefs were proven true.

My experience at Basic Training was the hardest time of my life. The experience instilled in me a constant drive to be me, a member of the fairer - not the weaker sex.
After spending 5 years in A Co, 109th Med (ASMB), I had to make the decision whether or not to stay enlisted or to become an officer. I finally came to the conclusion that I wanted to become an officer because I wanted to be able to change things and make things better for fellow soldiers. I decided to go to ISU, and I joined the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) at Army ROTC in August 2002.

Wow, it was a huge change! I was used to stepping back and letting the younger generations of soldiers step in and learn. Now I have to step in and show people the correct way to do things. At the same time, I have to learn new things myself. I have to adapt to change and answer to new people. It has been a hard transition, and I am still getting used to the ROTC/SMP program.

Now when I attend weekend drill, I observe an officer. Officers do a lot of planning and making sure things happen. I am used to hands on activities, like doing inventories on supplies, packing 2 ½ ton trucks and putting up tents. Now I sit back and watch to see what is going right or wrong, and what I can do to fix a problem. Being in the Simultaneous Membership Program has not been as easy as it seemed. I am still getting used to ROTC, but it is a great thing for me to do, and I am glad I am doing it.

For years I dreamt of becoming an aerospace engineer. But Army ROTC was something I knew very little about until I came to school. It sounded great, so I decided to give it a try. I have been in the program for a year and a half now, and I am confident that it really is the best leadership course you can take. There are times when being in ROTC can be very demanding, but the cadre and staff emphasize the importance of academics.

People often ask why an aerospace engineer like me would choose the Army over the Air force or Navy. Without hesitation I confidently reply, “Because the only way to learn leadership is to practice it!” The leadership skills that I have learned through Army ROTC apply to all facets of life, even engineering. Whether I am on a team designing a glider and computer programs to analyze its flight, or leading a squad over an obstacle during training, the lessons I’ve learned through Army ROTC are invaluable. Preparing to become an engineer and an officer has pushed me to succeed in ways that I had never thought of before. Even if you are pretty sure of the career path you want to take, I highly recommend taking in a couple of classes with Army ROTC. The worst that can happen is that you will learn more about the courageous men and women of the Army.

I would like to thank all the cadets who helped me work the ISU Football Concessions. 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. Thanks again, and oh, don’t call me next year, the seven games almost killed me...
Hello. My name is Private First Class Allen Scott. Currently, I am a member of the Iowa Army National Guard and a student at Iowa State University. After my freshman year, I decided that the cost of tuition was too much to handle through loans, so I enlisted in the Iowa National Guard.

There are several benefits to joining the National Guard. The first is drill pay. As a National Guardsman, you are required to serve one weekend a month and 2 weeks a year. (Sounds familiar doesn’t it?) The drill pay that you receive is based on two things: your pay grade (which is based on rank and time in service), and the MUTA (Military Unit Training Assembly) ranking of the weekend. So on a MUTA 4 weekend, as a private first class, I receive $180.92 for working just 16 hours that weekend.

The second benefit you receive is the Montgomery GI Bill. Being in the National Guard allows you to draw upon the GI Bill right after you finish your initial entry training (IET). I receive $200 a month just by maintaining full time status each month.

The third benefit you receive is the Montgomery GI Bill kicker. I qualified for this by placing 50 or better on the ASVAB. This adds an additional $276 per month to what the GI Bill pays. The money you receive from the GI Bill is non-taxated and is directly deposited into your checking account.

The fourth benefit that you receive from the National Guard is tuition assistance. This is through the Iowa National Guard and pays at least 50 percent of your tuition. As an in-state student, I pay $1846.00 dollars each semester. This program pays me half of that amount.

So, recapping the monetary benefits I receive, I get the 50 percent tuition assistance each semester. Then each month I get my drill pay ($180.92) as well as the GI bill and kicker ($476.00). So each month, I receive $656.92 for working 16 hours.

After talking with Captain Runyon, the enrollment officer of ISU ROTC, I learned there are more benefits that you can receive by joining ROTC. First upon completing 54 credits, as well as an Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), you can contract with the ROTC program and receive benefits under the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP). This allows you to receive all of your National Guard benefits, as well as a monthly stipend, which increases as your progress further in the program. In addition, there are various scholarships you can apply for. The other day I was talking with some guys in my class. They asked me if I was glad with my decision to join the National Guard. Without pausing, I told them yes. In more than what words can explain, the military has provided me with tools and skills to overcome most problems life throws at me. While I can easily describe the monetary benefits I receive, it is hard to describe the other numerous skills and benefits I have obtained from serving my country.

**Benefits of the Simultaneous Membership Program: Cadet Scott**

Of the 171 cadets in ISU ROTC, 52 are SMP cadets.

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- PFC Allen Scott

**Army v. Navy Football Game**

On a 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 the Navy avenged last year's loss by defeating the Cyclone Battalion.
Major Harold L. Meyer, Jr. was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa. He enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps in 1974. In 1980 he enrolled at Iowa State University and joined the AROTC program in 1982. Graduating in December 1984, he went on active duty as an Armor Officer. Duty assignments include: 1-72nd Armor Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division; Joint Readiness Center, Fort Chaffee; 2-12 Cavalry Squadron, Fort Knox; USAREC, Des Moines Recruiting Battalion; Senior Military Advisor (Team Chief) to the Republic of Korean VII Corps Commander; Operations Officer, Eighth Army Headquarters; Operations Officer, World Class Opposing Force, Battle Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and Reserve Officer Training Corps as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at Iowa State University. He currently resides in Gilbert, Iowa along with his two “future AROTC cadet” daughters.

MS II Instructor (Sophmores): Major Eric Krohn

MAJ Eric William Krohn is a native of Iowa and began his military career in May 1983, enlisting with the Iowa Army National Guard as a Military Policeman. After completing nearly 10 years of enlisted service, MAJ Krohn attended Officer Candidate School and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in November 1993 as an Infantry Officer. He has more than 17 years of Active Federal Service and has served in various Iowa units. Assignments include: Support Platoon Leader; Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Battalion 133rd Infantry, Rifle Platoon Leader; Company B 1st Battalion 133rd Infantry, Commander; 3654th Direct Support Maintenance Company, Battalion Intelligence and Operations Officer; 734th Maintenance Battalion, and Battalion Maintenance Officer; 734th Maintenance Battalion. He is currently assigned to Iowa State University ROTC. Duties include teaching Military Science 201/202 Military Leadership and Teamwork. MAJ Krohn also serves as the

Enrollment Officer: Captain Dan Runyon

Captain (CPT) Dan Runyon was born in Corydon Iowa, and grew up on a 1000-acre farm. He is the oldest of three children, having one brother and one sister. He joined the Iowa Army National Guard as a Weapons Repair Specialist (45B). The unit, 3654th Maintenance Company, was activated for Desert Storm and spent 6 months at Fort Irwin, National Training Center (NTC). Upon returning, he enrolled in the Iowa Military Academy (OCS) and was commissioned an Engineer officer. As an Engineer officer, he has been a line platoon leader and Executive Officer for B Co. and C Co. 224 Engineer Battalion (Mech). He was also assigned as Detachment Commander for the 834 Engineer Company (light). He also has served as a battle captain in the S-3 Shop (Operations), for the 224th Engineer Battalion. Currently, he is serving with the 185thRegional Training Institute as a TAC officer for the OCS program. CPT Runyon is married to his lovely wife Shelly. They have
Training Non-Commissioned Officer: Sergeant First Class Anthony Mayner

SFC Anthony J. Mayner enlisted into the armed forces in July 1979 and has served continuously in the US Army. Duty assignment included tours with the 1st BN 5th CAV DIV in Ft. Hood Texas, as an M113 APC driver; 4th BN 20th INF in the Panama Canal Zone as a squad leader; 1BN 21 INF in Ft. Steward, Georgia, as squad leader, 1st BDE 5th BN in Ft. Dix, New Jersey, as Drill Sergeant; 3rd BN 20th INF in Baumholde, Germany, as a section leader; 1st BN 21st INF in Ft. Stewart, Georgia, as Platoon Sergeant. There he also became Senior Instructor and Chief of BNCOC 11B and 11C branch course. SFC Mayner’s military awards include: (1) Meritorious Service Medal, (2) U.S. Army Accommodation Medal, (4) U.S. Army Achievement medal, Expert Infantry Badge, Driver & Mechanic badge, Drill Sergeant badge, (3) Overseas Service Ribbon, (1) US Army Service Ribbon, (3) NCO Professional Development Ribbon, (1) National Defense Service Ribbon, (7) Good Conduct Medal. SFC Mayner resides here in Ames.

Administrative Non-Commissioned Officer: Staff Sergeant Rod Taylor

Staff Sergeant Rod K. Taylor enlisted into the US Army in February 1984. His basic training and initial entry training was for 19D Cavalry Scout at Ft. Knox, KY. SSG Taylor’s duty assignments include: 3/6 INF, Ft. Polk, LA; 1/1 CAV, 1 AD, Swabok, Germany; 1/10 INF, Ft. Carson, CO; 1/6 INF, Villseck, Germany; 2/3 ACR, Ft. Bliss, TX; and 1/6 CAV, Ft. Knox KY. At this point in his career, due to an unfortunate accident, SSG Taylor was reclassed to 71L Administrative Specialist. As SSG Taylor’s duty assignments continued, he was assigned to the United Nations Command Military Committee (UNCMAC) in Korea. The following assignment was at the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) in Ft. Leavenworth, KS. His present and last duty assignment is with the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at Iowa State University in Ames, IA. On 3 November 1984, he married his wife Toni. Presently in Iowa, he is accompanied by Toni and their three children: Jacqueline (19), Shane (17), and Breanna (10).

Supply & Logistics Non-Commissioned Officer: Sergeant Andrew Vance

Sergeant Andrew N. Vance was born on July 28, 1979 in Kokomo, Indiana. He lived there until he joined the United States Army in October 1999. He attended basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina from November 1999 through January 2000. Upon completion of basic training, he attended Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Lee, Virginia. After Completing AIT in April 2000, he moved on to his first duty station at Fort Stewart, Georgia in May 2000. While assigned to Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion 3rd Air Defense Artillery, he served as the Battery Armorer, supply clerk and 1SG driver. His time at Fort Stewart included five battalion gunneries, two brigade training exercises and one rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. He was then assigned to his present position, ROTC Unit Supply Sergeant at Iowa State University. Sergeant Vance resides in Ames, Iowa, with his wife Shannon and two dogs, Mogul and Isabelle.
Founded in 1916, Army ROTC has produced more than one-half million lieutenants for America’s Army. It remains the broadest avenue for men and women seeking to serve as officers in America’s Army. An Army officer is a prestigious professional who serves as a leader of the most respected institution in America.

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