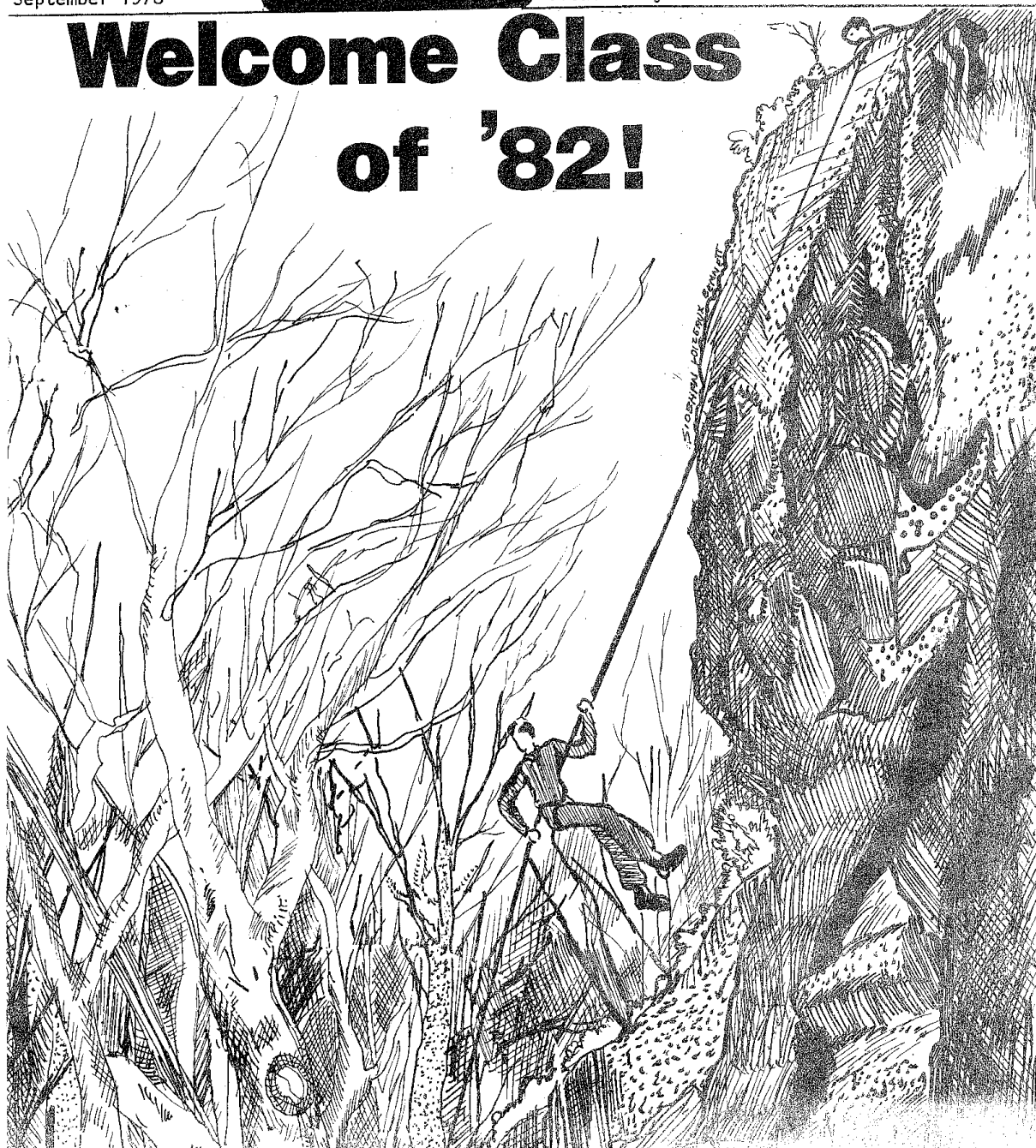


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# Welcome Class of '82!



## Meet The Cadre

Kay Connelly, Clarkson College's ROTC Secretary, has been with the detachment for ten years. During that time, she has seen the size of the organization ebb and flow between a size of over five hundred to a low of eighty. LTC Sprinsky is the fifth Professor of Military Science she has worked for.

Kay is an original North Country resident who has been educated in the St. Lawrence County School System. After graduating from Potsdam High School in 1965, she went to Canton A. T. C., where she majored in Secretarial Science and received an Associate in Applied Sciences Degree. Within a year, Kay took over the secretary's job with the ROTC unit.

Sooner or later, everything that's done here seems to pass across her desk. Despite the smaller size of the Cadet Corps, the paperwork involved in running the detachment seems to grow each year. With the addition of weekly bulletins, the growth of the cadet newspaper, the myriad of required reports, developing and processing of cadet generated

reports, Kay has more than enough to do to keep two people busy. Kay also functions as the group's receptionist and "Girl Friday", keeping some semblance of order in a totally chaotic environment.

Since arriving at Clarkson, she has been awarded the Department of the Army Civilian Commendation Certificate for outstanding achievement seven times, and the Sustained Superior Performance Award six times.

Connelly Hill, Kay's home, has been a frequently-visited spot for cadre and cadets alike. Twice a year the Group heads there for unit parties.

During her off-duty time, Kay has two major activities to keep her busy. During the three weeks grass grows here in Northern New York, she mows the three acres around her house.

She is also active with golf, taking out office frustrations on golf balls.

Despite the many changes in the ROTC program during the past ten years, two things have remained constant - the top-notch performance, and the cheerful smile of Kay Connelly. ☹



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## FROM THE P.M.S.

By LTC William H. Sprinsky

I would like to add my welcome to what must seem like those of the entire world. To those who have been here before, welcome to a year filled with delightful "opportunities to excell". To those who are first-timers (first-"termers"?), welcome to the bewildering (it isn't) and exciting (it is!) universe of higher education.

As a first termmer myself, I can well understand that you have lots on your minds as the semester starts. It's important to keep perspective and to ask yourselves "Why am I doing this?". YOU must be satisfied with your response to that question for all your important activities. In the case of ROTC coursework, the answer may be obvious ("because Sam is paying the freight with a scholarship", "because I LIKE it", "because I'm learning something that I can use after I graduate"). That is not intended to be an all-inclusive list, but the last response is something to think about. As a student, you work as an individual (particularly in tests). As an ROTC Cadet, you work as a member of an organization and later as a leader/supervisor. The slash in leader/supervisor is there for a reason. When I say leader, you think of the military or Leonard Bernstein. Supervisor, however, means a business or professional relationship. ROTC teaches the basic skills needed for both, because they are the same skills. Whether you accept our guaranteed Reserve Components duty (with about 3 months of active duty as a student in an Army branch school) and immerse yourself in the business or professional world, or aspire to a military career, your work experience will involve both your individual effort and direction of the efforts of others. We teach you how to do it. Our course work is also designed to convince you that you can do it.

Our non-ROTC readers and your non-ROTC friends may find the question, "Why don't I do it? more appropriate. If your response is not satisfactory, come and see us at 49 Elm Street. Even better, ask an upperclass cadet or corporate recruiter about our program and what it can do for you. This double your money back, no obligation, no strings offer is made not just to Freshmen, but to upperclass students and students with prior military service.

Again, welcome or welcome back (whichever the case may be). Good luck in your academic and non-academic endeavors (this does not constitute blanket DA approval of some of those non-academic pursuits; and you know very well which ones I mean!) ①

## The Torch

The Torch, along with other organizations within the Cadet Corps, will be vying for your support and talent. Yes, talent.

But you say, "I've never worked on a school newspaper, and haven't got the background". Well, that's the same way every member of the Torch staff started out. None have had any experience. So experience is no criteria.

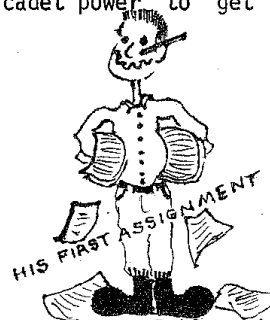
Everything that's done to bring the Torch to press is handled by the cadets. The writing, proofreading, titling, layout design, pictures, art comes from the assets within the Corps.

The Torch has its own offices in the ROTC Building and also an internal darkroom to develop the photos we use. The only thing it lacks is the cadet power to get the wheels moving!

The paper is now in its fourth year of publication. It started as a bi-annual mimeographed newspaper. At the beginning of it's second year it was switched to the off-set format which you now see here. Publication also increased. The paper now comes out five times a year: September, November, January, March and May.

The Torch Editor for this year will be Senior Cadet Alison Bradner. She will head up the Torch team. If you want to become part of the staff, just

get in touch with her. If you happen to be on the Downtown Campus try to stop in and take a look at our main TorchOffice, and if the cadets aren't around and you have any questions about the Torch, just see Captain Reese who will be the advisor for the paper this year. He'll be happy to answer any questions. ①



# Clarkson Rangers

Ranger - the name that represents highly-trained, overt operations in enemy-held areas under the worse possible conditions. The name that represents over 200 years of service to our country from service with the British Crown in the form of Roger's Rangers of the American Revolution, from the battles of the Mexican War to Omaha Beach in World War II. The name that represents the best the United States Army has to offer.

The Clarkson Rangers are a voluntary organization of highly-motivated ROTC cadets. Its goal is to train its members to a high level of proficiency in military tactics and operations, and to maintain high standards of physical conditioning, military bearing, and discipline.

The trainee program will span 12 weeks in which there will be four weekend exercises and about 30 hours of classroom training on tactics, camouflage and radio procedure, physical fitness sessions, and community service projects. Trainees will assume leadership positions as well as team member positions.

This semester's training will begin with a day-long exercise on Combat Training of The Individual Soldier and Squad Movement. This will be a physically taxing exercise to give the training that will be built upon the rest of the semester. The Rangers will then participate for the second time in the Cancer Walk-A-Thon by marching the 16-mile route.

October will start with a new type of operation - a water-borne raid that will be preceded by a couple of classes on Tactics. Mountaineering will be the next overnight exercise, held concurrently with the battalion's mountaineering exercise. Rangers will be taught rope bridging and rappelling. The following day, squads will complete a confidence course. The finale for the month will be the Ranger FTX with Ranger members donning webgear and M16A1 rifles with blank ammunition. This will be an intensive exercise in preparation for the Battalion FTX in which the Rangers will play aggressors

the following weekend.

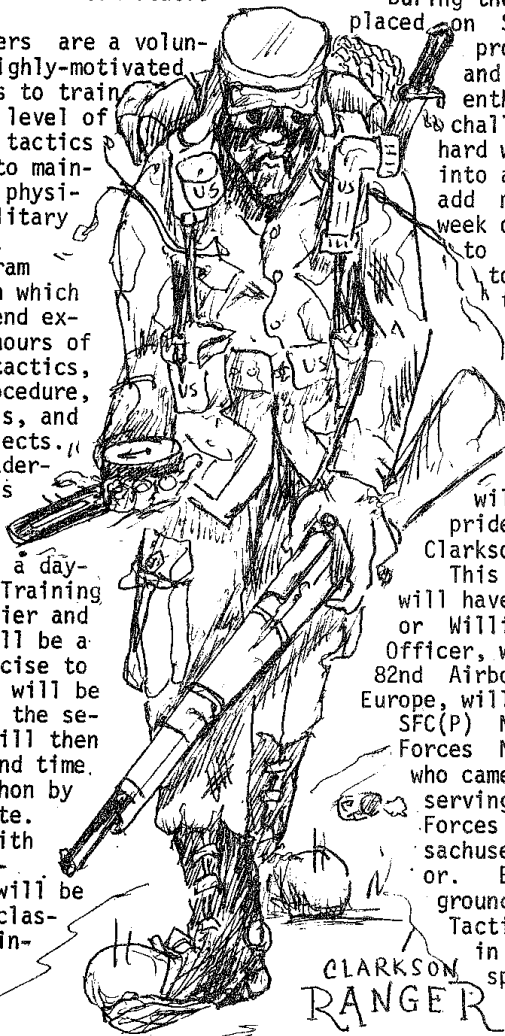
In November, the Ranger Company will again sponsor, for the sixteenth time, the largest blood drive in Central-Northern New York. Members assist nurses with control and comfort of the 750 donors. The semester will finish in early December with a Board of Review for Trainees and the election of Officers for the following semester.

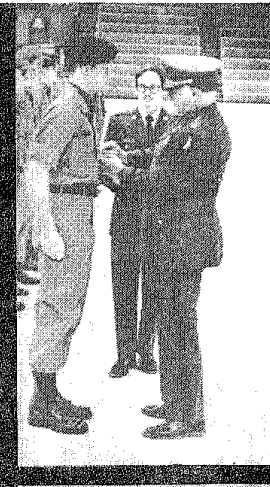
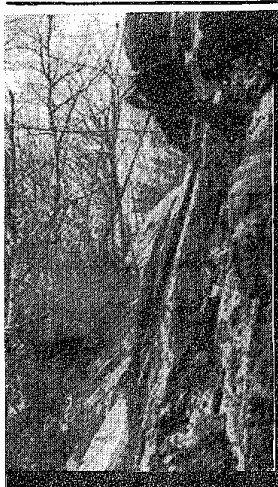
During the semester emphasis will be placed on Squad Team work and unity, professionalism in training, and realism. The staff is an enthusiastic and ready to challenge you to a semester of hard work that will develop you into a leader. If you want to add more to a normally dull week of studying and classes, to be physically prepared, to enjoy the camaraderie that develops after an exercise, to do things you never thought you could do, the Clarkson Rangers have a deal for you. Meet the physical and the emotional challenges that are offered, and you will feel a great deal of pride in being a member of the Clarkson Rangers.

This year the Clarkson Rangers will have two Cadre Advisors. Major William T. Peters, an Engineer Officer, who was commander in the 82nd Airborne Division and over in Europe, will be the Officer Advisor. SFC(P) Matthew Young, a Special Forces Non-Commissioned Officer, who came to us last year after serving with the 10th Special Forces Group at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts is our second advisor. Both men have strong backgrounds in both Small Unit Tactics and Rappelling, areas in which the Clarkson Rangers specialize.

I would like to make one thing perfectly clear at the beginning of the semester. Some vicious and vindictive rumors have been started, that the Rangers have been known to frequent an establishment called the "Q" at the close of major exercises, imbibing in alcoholic beverages in more than minimal amounts. I would like to categorically deny these unsubstantiated rumors, fortunately, I can't.

Jim Nagel  
Ch. E.  
CCT '79





## Reflections...

By Cadet Martha Miller

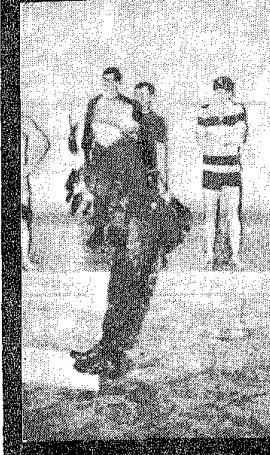
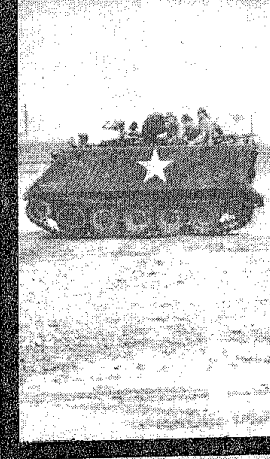
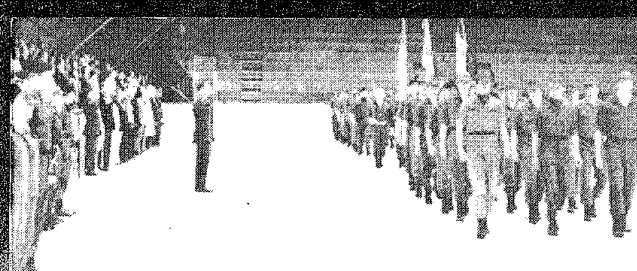
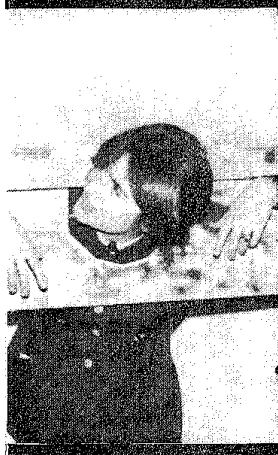
While reflecting about my first year in the ROTC Program, I remembered some of the ideas that I had about ROTC before my first semester. I envisioned myself marching hours on end and then doing exercises that would tire Charles Atlas. I began wondering what others, who had never been in the program thought. After asking some high school seniors what they thought ROTC was all about, I realized that they too have just as many wrong impressions about the Corps. The answers ranged from wearing a uniform every day and having a military-style haircut to losing a person's individuality.

These people could not have had more misguided ideas about ROTC. To set the record straight, uniforms are not worn daily, and haircuts are not required for first or second-year cadets. Military Science is a course that is designed to help men and women develop into well-rounded individuals, by encouraging them to learn about their own strengths and weaknesses.

As I, and many other men and women have learned, ROTC is an opportunity. Each cadet is given the opportunity to explore and experience countless activities that help him learn about himself and others. Throughout the year, a wide range of activities are offered for cadets to choose from. The first year, cadets are urged to try all new adventures but the individuals always has a choice. The activities include: Rappelling, Patrolling, Mountaineering, Snowshoeing, Cross-Country Skiing, Marksmanship, and Orienteering. Additionally, cadets may choose to work on the newspaper, take rifle classes, join the drill team, or become a Ranger. Besides these choices, cadets can learn about Cold Weather Survival, Communications in the Field, and Life in the Army.

ROTC also gives everyone the opportunity to show that he is capable of leading, of being dependable, and of handling responsibility. As a cadet moves through the program, he can feel his confidence and self-assurance building.

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# Summer Awards

## Recondo

STEVEN S. ALLEN	BRIAN P. MALLARE
ALISON M. BRADNER	JOHN D. MAXFIELD
MARK BRITTAIN	DAVID D. MOORE
CHARLES J. BURDO	JAMES N. NAGEL
MICHAEL E. CLARK	PAUL E. NORMANDIN
JAMES V. DEWITT	RICHARD L. OLINGER JR.
RICHARD O. DICKSON	DAVID F. PEARSALL
PETER R. ELIASON	KATHI L. SCOTT
KEVIN K. GARROUTTE	JAMES E. SMALL III

THURS, 31 AUGUST - CONVOCATION  
THURS, 7 SEPTEMBER - BN ORGANIZATION

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THURS, 7 SEPTEMBER - BN ORGANIZATION/  
DRILL & CEREMONIES

SAT, 9 SEPTEMBER - M-16 LIVE FIRE  
(CADRE & MS-IIIs)

THURS, 14 SEPTEMBER - DRILL & CEREMONIES

SAT, 16 SEPTEMBER - ORIENTEERING

THURS, 21 SEPTEMBER - APFT - A COMPANY

THURS, 28 SEPTEMBER - APFT - B COMPANY

SAT, 30 SEPTEMBER - MOUNTAINEERING

THURS, 12 OCTOBER - GUEST SPEAKER ON  
INSURANCE

SAT, 14 OCTOBER - CANCER WALK-A-THON

SAT, 21 OCTOBER - TOY DRIVE

THURS, 26 OCTOBER - COMMO PROCEDURES

THURS, 2 NOVEMBER - BASIC TACTICS

SAT & SUN  
(4 & 5 OCTOBER) - FALL FLX

THURS, 9 OCTOBER - LRC

FRI, 10 OCTOBER - CADET DINING-IN

TUES - THURS  
(14 - 16 OCTOBER) - BLOOD DRIVE

THURS, 30 OCTOBER - SWIM TEST (MS-  
IIIs)/FREE SWIM

THURS, 7 DECEMBER - MILITARY LIFE  
SEMINAR

## Airborne

JAMES N. NAGEL  
KATHI L. SCOTT  
JAMES E. SMALL III

## ROTC Academic Achievement Award



### SENIORS

ALISON M. BRADNER	(FIRST AWARD)
JAMES N. NAGEL	(THIRD AWARD)
PETER R. ELIASON	(THIRD AWARD)

### JUNIORS

WILLIAM L. BAMANN	(SECOND AWARD)
STEPHEN O. CHASE	(FIRST AWARD)
WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN	(SECOND AWARD)

### SOPHOMORES

JAMES O. BILLINGHAM	HARVEY W. ELLIOTT
EDWARD C. DEDRICK	ROBERT K. FUJIMURA
ROSE M. DELANEY	MARK J. MOELLER



# ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

The ROTC Scholarship Program is open to all Clarkson and Potsdam State ROTC Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. Any Freshman or Sophomore who is enrolled in ROTC this semester can go through the scholarship application process. These scholarships are competitive, but well worth the effort. Seniors apply at the beginning of their Senior year.

Last year's Freshman class has won at least two scholarships (final results are not yet in). The Freshman class from two years ago pulled down five, and the year before that we had seven Freshmen win scholarships!



**What does the Scholarship cover?**

Basically, the scholarship covers the costs of all books, tuitions and fees at either Clarkson or Potsdam State, for three years if you apply and win during your Freshman year; for two years if you apply and win during the Sophomore year; and for one year if you apply and win at the beginning of your Senior year. Additionally, the student receives \$100 a month, tax-free, during the school year.

**What are my obligations if I win?**

Should you win an Army ROTC Scholarship, your commitment would be for four years of active duty. (This is as opposed to the three-year active duty obligation non-scholarship cadets would have if they receive active duty.)

**Are the Scholarships available to both men and women?**

Yes. Scholarships are available to both men and women. Separate funds have been set aside by the Department of the Army for both. Men and women do not compete against each other, as male and female scholarship funds are not in a single account. The application process itself is the same, however, for both men and women.

**How do I apply for an Army ROTC Scholarship?**

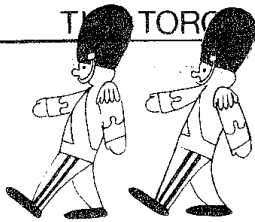
First, just let us know you are interested. Come in to the ROTC Building at 49 Elm Street (beside Snell Hall) and talk to either Captain Reese or SFC Strahon, or call them at 268-7705 or 265-2180. They'll get you started with the application process.

**What's involved in the application?**

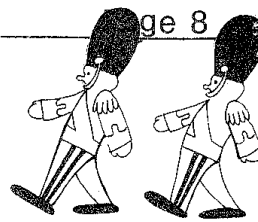
Each cadet who applies for a scholarship is awarded what's called a "Whole Person Score". This score is comprised of four weighted percentages which totals 100 possible points. The cadet's academic grade in ROTC can be worth up to 20 points. His or her academic grade point average can be worth up to 25 points. Each applicant will also appear before a board. His or her performance before the board will be given a point value of up to 20 points. Finally, the cadet will be ranked by the Professor of Military Science, LTC Sprinsky, who will take into consideration all aspects of performance in and out of the program. His ranking will be worth up to 35 points, bringing the total to a possible 100 points.

Each applicant will also take an Army ROTC physical during the year to insure he or she meets all physical requirements for active duty.

Sound involved? Well, yes; a little, but the benefits can be very rewarding. Ask Nancy Bates, Dave Pearsall, Jim Nagel, Pete Eliason, Kathi Scott, Joe Chera, Ken Wrisley, Steve Chase, Tom Clines.....



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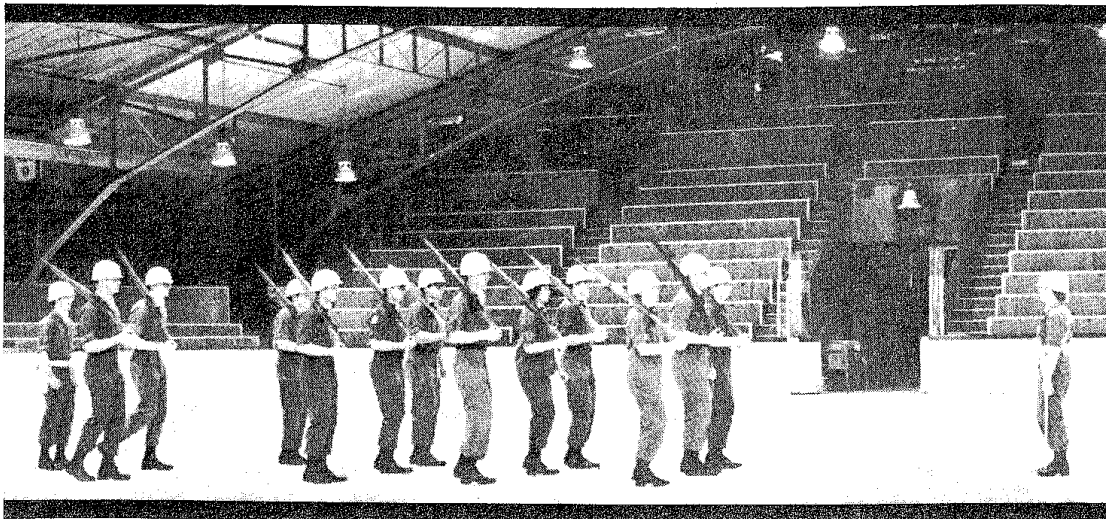
By Cadet Bill Bamann

**C**larke's ROTC Drill Team, expanded last semester, and hopefully will continue to grow this semester. Many new techniques were learned last semester as an interest in becoming more proficient moved the Drill Team. As the new commanding officer, I want to continue this trend. I have seen how being in the Drill Team helped me build my confidence.

**M**any think we just march around a lot, but that's by no means all of it. Besides learning marching and military movements, we became familiar with the manual of arms of the rifle and saber. We developed our own techniques for spinning rifles, which for me was

**A** lot of our motivation is said to come from our Cadre Advisor, PSG Shivers. As a Drill Sergeant, he taught us many new "moves" and got us interested in spinning rifles. We've really excelled under his guidance. The Drill Team XO this semester is Junior Bill O'Brien. Bob Fujimura, a Sophomore, is the First Sergeant, and Nancy Bates, a Junior, is the Administrative and Supply Sergeant.

**T**he way our Drill Team is set up, it is an organization which allows underclassmen to move into positions of responsibility sooner. Unlike Scabbard and Blade and Rangers, a Senior cannot be the Unit Commander.



the most fun. Most of us thought it would be impossible, but we all amazed ourselves as we quickly picked up the techniques. Not only did we learn how to move, but we learned how to give the orders to assemble a formation and move them around in proper military order. I was at ease when put in charge during other ROTC functions because I knew what to do and had the required experience.

**W**e got to perform at the ROTC Awards Ceremony in May, which was very impressive. Besides that, we participated in the ROTC Military Ball, performing with sabers, and we held Retreat ceremonies. Last semester we even went to Malone and competed against other ROTC Drill Team Units.

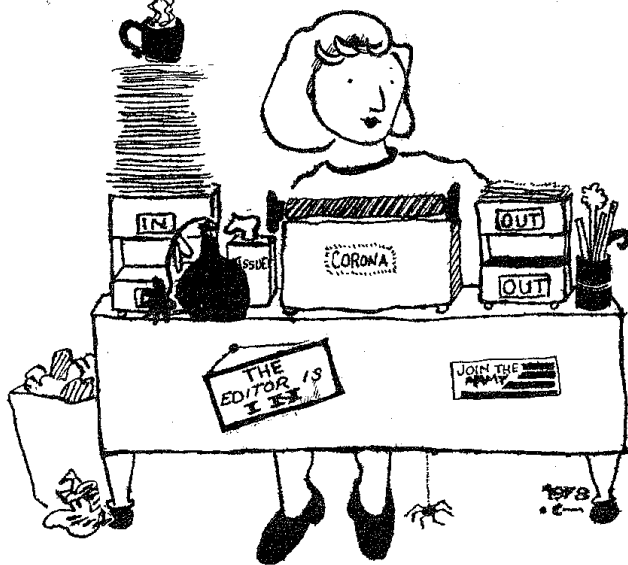
**S**ophomores and Juniors hold the positions of responsibility. Freshmen, once they get their feet on the ground, also start picking up additional responsibility. So, if you are looking for an organization where you can develop your potential early, try us - I think you'll like the team.

**T**he Drill Team meets once a week to practice for about an hour, and a time will be set to accommodate everyone. At the start, we'll go over the basics to familiarize the group with our techniques. I'm planning on many ways to increase our confidence. Maybe we can win this year at Malone.



Bill  
Bamann  
C.E.  
CCT, '80





## Editor's Corner

By Cadet Alison Bradner

As I write this column I am taking a much needed break from ROTC Advanced Camp. While the training has not been overly demanding, either physically or mentally, the pace has been such that any time off is a pleasure. The past three and a half weeks at Camp have taught me many things. First, I never appreciated a shower and clean clothes so much before. More importantly, I have learned the need for flexibility and teamwork.

When cadets report to camp they are thrown in with fifty strangers and told to work, eat, and sleep together for the next six weeks. From that point on all fifty people must work as a team or the six weeks will seem like sixty. My platoon has been having problems in this area, making the lesson of teamwork very apparent to me.

Now, what does all this have to do with the Editor's Column for the year's first Torch issue? Plenty. The Torch staff must work as a team if this publication is going to be worthwhile. As you have probably guessed, this is leading to a pitch for Torch staff members. We need people for our team. There are many areas to work in. Layout, writing, drawing, proofing, and so on. You do not have to have any previous experience, just time and the willingness to practice teamwork.

I have been able to compare Clarkson's ROTC program with that of other school's and found it superior to many. It can be even better if we concentrate on teamwork throughout the coming academic year.

Have a good school year, and don't hesitate to come down and work on this journalistic masterpiece. If you have any questions or comments leave a note in the Torch Office, second floor of the ROTC Building, or give me a call at 268-4388. ①

## Scabbard & Blade

By Cadet Brian Mallare

The 1978-79 school year will prove to be an important one for H Company, 14th Regiment of Scabbard and Blade at Clarkson College. In fact, the organization is presently considering removing itself as an active Scabbard and Blade Unit and forming its own local honorary fraternity. The discussion on such a move began last Fall when the officers realized that they really didn't know what we actually receive from the National organization other than a subscription to a magazine. In fact, we often receive no response to our communications to them at all. The issue was kicked around, but no action was taken - mainly because we didn't receive an answer from the Headquarters. The first issue of the year will be the rapid settlement of this issue.



At the final meeting of the 1977-78 year, the new officers for the Fall Semester were elected. Scabbard and Blade officers for the semester will be: Senior Cadet Brian Mallare, Company Commander; Senior Cadet David Pearsall, Executive Officer; Junior Cadet Nancy Bates, First Sergeant; and Senior Cadet John Maxfield, Treasurer.

Aside from the organization problem, the single greatest issue facing the organization is membership. The organization has been slowly stagnating in the past year, and pledge classes have become progressively smaller. The main project of the new officers and all the members will be to grab the organization by its bootstraps and get the program working. This year, the pledge requirements will be re-examined. Then once the requirements are set, hard line recruiting will be used. The Army has initiated recruiting; the Clarkson Rangers have; and we will too.

Our organization is involved in several key projects during the course of the year. First, the Annual Toy Drive, in which cadets collect toys in the community which can be repaired.

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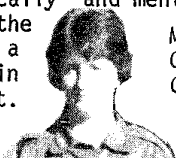
If it looks like Jack Scherer, one of last years graduating Seniors, was going through some changes in emotion in the above photos, he was. During his Senior year, Jack made applications for two of the Army's Fellowship programs. Both were highly competitive. One, the Army's Scientific and Engineering Fellowship program gives out only fifteen Fellowships annually. The other a program for new Regular Army Lieutenants awards less than seventy fellowships annually.

## Reflections...

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The friends and good times that all members of the Corps experience are definitely positive factors of ROTC. It doesn't take long for new students to become acquainted with the cadre, other cadets, and the meaning of ROTC because the people involved are always willing to help or answer any questions.

Besides being a course that gives you the chance to grow and strengthen yourself physically and mentally, ROTC helps prepare the individual for a career, be it in the Army or not.



Martha Miller  
Chem, E.  
CCT '81

During the summer he found he was faced with the pleasant dilemma of having to decide which of the two he would accept. Jack has chosen to accept the Scientific and Engineering Fellowship. Both fellowships pay for all books, tuitions and fees for graduate school. Additionally, Jack will receive all pay and allowances while attending school full time. Congratulations to Jack on having won not one, but two army Fellowships! ④

## Scabbard & Blade

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These toys are then distributed at Christmas to the less-fortunate children within the Potsdam area. Scabbard and Blade is also involved in the organization of the Cancer Walk-A-Thon each Fall. We also organize the Klondike Derby each winter. This event serves the County Boy Scout troops. The big social event of the year, the Annual Military Ball, is also put on by Scabbard and Blade.

In general, the goal of the year is to give the organization a "face-lift". Cadets, this is your organization - it's run by and for cadets. GET INVOLVED!



Brian Mallare  
E.E.  
CCT, '79

## Cadre Notes

Clarkson had some significant cadre success this summer. Major Peters (left) competed in the Second Annual Interservice Racquetball Tournament at West Point. The sixty four competitors came from as far away as Japan and Hawaii. Major Peters placed 2nd in the "C" Division, walking away with not only a 2nd place trophy, but a new racket as well. Congratulations!

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If it looks like the individual to the right has stars in his eyes, he doesn't, not yet anyway. But Cpt McDonald did find out that oak leaves were around the corner. Cpt Mac was notified that he is on the new promotion list to Major. Congratulations on this well deserved forthcoming promotion! ④

