

# ROTC does well at contests

*Camp All-America, Ranger Challenge provide intercollegiate competition*

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University ROTC members have spent many of their weekends this semester successfully competing against other universities in a variety of contests.

This past summer, all junior ROTC cadets went to Camp All-America at Fort Bragg. There they were graded on leadership ability and basic soldiering skills, such as land navigation and rifle marksmanship.

Of the five Wake Forest students who attended, three ranked in the top third of total campers and two placed in the middle third.

Based on her superior camp performance, senior Melissa Wasowski was named camp battalion commander for Wake Forest and Winston-Salem State University.

Also during the summer, two students attended Basic Camp. This camp is for rising juniors who have not participated in ROTC before, but would like to join.

Juniors Aaron Munz and Greg Whelan both attended and were awarded scholarships worth \$14,000 annually.

On Sept. 29, ROTC members competed in Ranger Challenge Head-To-Head, a practice competition among seven schools, including East Carolina University, Appalachian State University and North Carolina A&T University. Cadets were graded on their performance at eight stations that feature weapons assembly, a grenade assault course, and a ten kilometer road march.

On the weekend of Oct. 21-22, ROTC cadets participated in a field training exercise at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville. Exercises consisted of M-16 qualification, land navigation and a field leader's reaction course.

Cadets were divided into ten person squads and were assigned an obstacle to cross.

Last weekend at the Ranger Challenge Competition, ROTC members competed against all of the other ROTC programs in North and South Carolina. Cadets competed in nine person teams.

The team was captained by junior George Demetriades. Out of 26 teams, the university finished sixth overall.

According to senior Tyler Munson, a ROTC member, "That's the best we've ever done."

Individual standouts included



Courtesy of Tyler Munson

Junior George Demetriades attempts to clear a portion of the FLRC at Davidson College while on a ROTC field training exercise.

Whelan, who was one of six competitors to shoot a perfect score in the marksmanship event.

The Wake Forest team finished sec-

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ond in orienteering and completed the ten kilometer road march in seventy-one minutes.

Captain Jeffrey Marquez, an assistant professor of military science, said he sees ROTC as an excellent opportu-

nity for students. Sophomores can earn up to \$41,000 in scholarships and as much as \$55,000 is available for incoming freshmen. ROTC also introduces students to the formal, social side of the military.

The department of military science also offers a leadership training class that teach 16 dimensions of leadership. Topics include oral presentation, motivation and group dynamics.

"This class is the most progressive leadership program there is. Leadership training is our business, regardless of your career," Marquez said.

The Operations in Special Environments class is open to all students and focuses on survival skills, first aid, and repelling. Marquez encourages all students to try a military science course.

"The great thing about it is that there's no obligation, only opportunity," he said.

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