

ROTC cadets undergo field training

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guest writer

The weekend of October 16 marked the beginning of an extremely challenging and rewarding experience for about 40 UNLV students. That weekend was when the fall semester's field training exercise was conducted for the UNLV ROTC Rebel Company.

Once every semester, ROTC has a field training

develop leadership qualities that they will need when they become officers.

During this particular exercise, cadets enjoyed a wide range of activities. It all started Friday night with putting up tents, which was quite a new experience for some. After that, cadets attended classes on first aid, field sanitation, and security of the base camp.

Then on Saturday mor-

ning, cadets ran what is called a confidence course, which is really just a fancy name for a huge obstacle course. Later that afternoon, there was a



land navigation and compass course. When that was completed, cadets

went back to the base camp to attend more classes on weapons disassembly and cleaning,

movement techniques under fire and how to respond to a nuclear, biological or chemical attack. Finally, Sunday morning came around, and it

was time to head home, but not before actual live firing of the M-16 and M-60 machine guns. For the most part, they seemed to think that this was the most enjoyable activity of the whole FTX. This enthusiasm was dampened somewhat when cadets were required to clean their weapons, a strenuous job at best, but vital to the weapon.

After careful inspection the cadets boarded their bus and were on their way home. Heads were filled with thoughts of what they had accomplished, and what they had learned, not only about the army, but also about themselves.

These 40 students are back in school now, and you might be sitting next to one.

exercise, or FTX for short. The purposes behind these exercises are to determine cadets' strengths and weaknesses and to

develop leadership qualities that they will need when they become officers.

Students tend towards conservatism in the '80s

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For years, colleges have been fertile breeding grounds for political issues, human rights movements, demonstrations, and the like, and UNLV is no exception.

An example of this is the mixed reception of the Nicaraguan Galo family several weeks ago. The

Republican student organization went into such a frenzy that they made the nightly TV news and alleged that the Galos were communist propagandists.

Campus politics. What does this say about UNLV? Is UNLV's student body comprised of conservative communist headhunters, or liberal left-wing extremists? Neither ex-

treme, but according to a random poll of students 39 percent are undecided.

This shift towards conservatism seems to be the case nation wide. Why the change from the liberal, authority-opposing, long-haired, peace-loving pacifist student of the mid 1960s and 1970s to the conservative, family-oriented, self-supporting activist of the mid 1980s.

Some of the instructors believe that the students are more conservative because a lot of them are working to pay their way through college, and that the modern student is faced with more individual decisions and a lot more responsibility.

Some students see it differently but, for the most part, don't know why UNLV is more conser-

vative. One liberal student says that UNLV is conservative because "the students seem to be more concerned with morality and old-world values," and goes on to say that the shift to conservatism worries her. Another student believes that UNLV is a conservative campus because its administrators are conservative.

In a recent interview, Dr.

Maxson gave his views on the state of campus and student politics. He said he believes that there is a reasonably good balance between liberalism and conservatism, and that most students are middle of the road. Maxson says that students were viewed as being more liberal during the 1960s and 1970s because it was a volatile

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Students serve on A&L committees

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Fourteen students have been elected to serve on committees of the College of Arts and Letters

Bylaws of the College mandate student participation in five committees that govern the college.

Elected to the Bylaws were Debbie Ashenfelter, Meschell Nattin, Susan Ramey, Wendy Anderson and Melody Winting.

Members of Financial Aid committee are Edward Talton, George Chamberlain, Patricia Woods, Kathy Femia and Anderson.

The Course and Curriculum committee will have Barbara Urban, Beth

Taylor and Laura Fett, while Urban, Diana Martin and Esther Linden will serve on the Personnel committee.

Membership on the newly mandated Standards committee has not yet been decided.

These committees provide student outlook on the various issues that face the college.

The Standards committee, which was approved in a bylaws change last spring, will deal with appeals in student suspension cases. It may also deal with academic standards within the college.

The Personnel committee handles promotion, tenure and merit pay decisions for faculty in the college, and the Course and

Curriculum Committee approves course proposals and curriculum changes submitted by departments.

Earlier this fall the Executive Committee, made up of the chairs of the departments in the college, recommended students for a committee to nominate other students for the committees.

"We might be better off to announce to the student newspaper that there will be a nominating committee and interested students should leave their name and number with the dean's office," said Joseph A. Fry, associate dean,

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