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A DUTY TO SERVE



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Max Whitticar, a freshman cadet, searches sophomore cadet Christina Dickerson (on ground) during field ambush training Thursday in the arboretum.

from CLASS to COMBAT

ROTC takes students out of classroom to prepare them for military service

By JOHN SUTTER The Breeze

1500 hours: Three cadets strategically move into position on an unassuming target.

1505 hours: Two cadets move into position on the left and right flank to protect a third cadet performing surveillance.

As the three cadets move to gather information about their target, eight other cadets remain in position about 25 meters back, ready to strike.

1508 hours: A cadet places the claymore explosive in the ground, sinking the device into the gravel right along the path the target will soon cross. The claymore, a remotely detonated explosive device, has a kill radius of 50 meters and a casualty radius of 150 meters.

"You're going to initiate the claymore when the target is in the kill zone," said cadet

1st Lt. Mende Jo Wentzel, a senior, kinesiology major and squad leader.

The forward team slides back through the arboretum's tree cover to rejoin its squad. It's 1515 hours — time to ambush.

"Claymore, claymore, claymore!" Cadet Christina Dickerson yells, as the claymore "explodes" and the cadets "open fire" on the ambushed target.

The target falls and the cadets move as a team, always checking their "360s," watching their backs to verify the target has been "killed." They give him a simulated kick to the groin to make sure he is dead and then roll over his body to check for a grenade.

After the body has been cleared, the cadets form up, ready for the platoon's next orders.

"We are doing ambush battle drills

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GLOBAL ISSUES

Former ambassador calls for patience in Iraq

By MATT SUTHERLAND The Breeze

For Ryan Crocker, the former United States ambassador to Iraq, the Middle Eastern country's history is like a book. Crocker believes Iraq's immediate future is the chapter in the book that requires "strategic patience" from Americans.

Crocker, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq from 2007 to 2009, spoke to a crowd of about 300 in the Festival ballroom on Thursday night about the coming challenges Iraq faces in establishing its new government.

Strategic patience, Crocker said, is "the capacity to stay with a complex problem over a period of time and seeing it through to a better place."

But the seemingly impossible situation, according to Crocker, will work out soon. "The problems are enormous, they are existential, they are also soluble," Crocker said.

To demonstrate this, Crocker recalled a July 4, 2008 speech where his aide pointed out that it had been 87 years since Baghdad, the present-day capital of Iraq, and Basra, an adjacent province, were established as a country by the League of Nations.

Coincidentally, it was 87 years after America's founding fathers signed the

Declaration of Independence that the Battle of Gettysburg ended, marking the bloodiest battle of the American Civil War.

"We didn't quite get it all correct when we put our country together," Crocker said. "Frankly, I think [Iraq] will do better and quicker than we did."

Parliamentary elections in Iraq on March 7 were met with allegations of fraud and fear of a sectarian backlash, bringing into light that the nation's wounds are also political, and not just religious.

Crocker said that with a demanding population, weak laws and persistent terrorism at the hands of al-Qaida, Iraq is still in the beginning phases of finding a balanced, stable government. And in a nation like Iraq, elections mean more than losing an office. Crocker said that in Iraq, the Pakistani saying "two men, one grave" takes on a literal meaning when politicians lose their lives to terrorists and political factions.

"All of these things still need to be worked out," Crocker said.

Crocker believes Americans should not look at Iraq's crawl toward governmental success as an unsuccessful process. Rather, Americans need to be empathetic towards Iraq to comprehend the country's troubled past.

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RYAN FREELAND / THE BREEZE

Ryan Crocker, the former ambassador to Iraq, speaks Thursday in the Festival Ballroom about the future of Iraqi politics and the United States' involvement.

Professor arrested for public intoxication

By MOLLY HAAS The Breeze

"A Women's Colloquium" class in Chandler Hall came to a strange end Wednesday after students called an ambulance for JMU professor Karen D. Evans. But it wasn't an ambulance that ultimately took Evans away from her honors seminar —



it was a police officer. JMU police arrested Evans for public intoxication, according to Rockingham County District Court Records and confirmed by Don Egle, university spokesman.

Evans was arrested Wednesday, Sunday, Egle said. Evans is still employed and the university is aware of the incident and is responding appropriately. Egle could not comment further.

This arrest comes after a series of other alcohol-related charges over the past year.

Barry Falk, director of the Honors Program, said Thursday he is still collecting information about the incident and making sure that the honors students in Evans' classes are taken care of.

On Thursday morning, the Harrisonburg Police Department served Evans with a pretrial violation of her probation for a prior DWI charge, said HPD Spokeswoman Mary-Hope Vass.

As of Sunday, Evans remains in custody for felonious violation of her probation.

Criminal History

According to online court records: Evans was charged Sept. 9, 2009 with a first offense DWI. She was found guilty on Dec. 2, 2009 of a reduced charge of reckless driving and received a six-month suspended license, a \$2,500 fine, an 180-day suspended sentence and court ordered Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program classes.

Two months later on Feb. 2, Evans was arrested for DWI, felonious assault on a police officer and operating without a license. The felonious assault and operating without a license charges were dropped. Evans was found guilty on April 20 for DWI and failure to comply with VASAP. She received a one-year suspended license, a \$250 fine and court ordered VASAP classes.

In August, Evans was arrested again for non-compliance with a court-ordered VASAP and was ordered to appear in court on Nov. 16. Evans did not appear in court and received a failure to appear charge that same day.

On Sept. 22, Evans was arrested for an alleged second DWI, operating under a suspended license and refusal of a breath test.

Evans is scheduled to appear in court on Dec. 15 for the Sept. 22 DWI charge, operating under a suspended license and the Dec. 1 charges of public intoxication and violation of pretrial release.

Eyewitness Account

A student, who wished to remain anonymous, said that Evans had been talking and acting normally before class began on Wednesday. When

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