

NEWS

Behrend Instructor Receives Promotion

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Behrend's Assistant Professor of Military Science, Captain Lawrence B. Hames was promoted to the rank of Major on Wednesday, Oct. 3. The ceremony was held at noon in the Memorial Room of the Administration Building. Lt. Col. Bernard E. Stalman PMS at University Park presided at the ceremony which lasted approximately 15 minutes. The ceremony consisted of the colonel's recitation from memory of Capt. Hames' accomplishments throughout his 11 year career, Sergeant Major Johnson's reading of the promotion order, and the pinning of the gold oak leaves which symbolize the rank of the Major.

Major Hames was graduated and commissioned with a B.S. degree from The United States Military Academy at West Point, NY in June of 1973. His first assignment was to Ft. Campbell, KY during a difficult period because the army at the time was reorganizing and reconstructing itself from the Vietnam conflict.

This three and one-half year period was especially demanding for Maj. Hames because he actively pursued and received a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Kentucky entirely in his spare time. This doesn't show on the record though, and as the colonel noted, it makes the major's achievements very impressive.

From 1977 to 1978, Maj. Hames attended the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course at Ft. Sill, OK. In April of 1978, Maj. Hames left for Germany, where he spent three years and eight months.

His first year there was spent as a Liaison Officer. During the next 21 months his unit became nuclear capable under his direction as a Field Artillery Battery Commander. The last year there he

spent in the illustrious position of Aide-de-Camp for a Major General (Two Star). It is an honor to be nominated for the position of Aide-de-Camp, let alone to actually serve in that capacity.

In January, 1982 Hames came

the major's wife, Laura Hames, removed the captain's silver bars from his jacket epaulets and secured the gold oak leaves in their place. The major's ten month old daughter Jacqueline voiced proud squeals of delight at her father's promotion, and made

Hames was referring to was his informal relation with his cadets. He realizes this is not a military institution and therefore has relaxed the traditional military customs such as the saluting him while in uniform, which is required of cadets at other campuses. In private, the major is the epitome of candor, and performs all matters of personal business with a sense of precision and direction. All cadets I have spoken to have nothing but respect for the man.

While the effect of this promotion may be analogous to Dr. Lilley's receiving the title of Provost last spring, with regard to the ROTC program, it has much more personal significance. Dr. Lilley said "It's a title which means 'a high university official' and it hasn't had any effect on my life whatsoever." In contrast, a military promotion means a change of paygrade, rank and an increase in personal responsibility.

In the US Army, there are three categories of commissioned officers. The Junior Grade, which consists of 2nd. Lieutenant, 1st. Lieutenant, and Captain; The Field Grade, consisting of Major, Lt. Colonel, and Colonel; and The Flag Officers: Brigadier General, Major General, Lt. General, and General.

"This was the first truly competitive promotion for me," he said. The Junior Grade rank-promotions are made almost automatically, provided you have served the required time, and performed well. As would be expected, the competition gets tougher the higher in rank you go. So Major Hames is over the first big hump, so to speak, in his career.

In a private interview following the ceremony, Maj. Hames informed me that he will be officially leaving Behrend at the conclusion of the Spring semester. He has accepted an of-

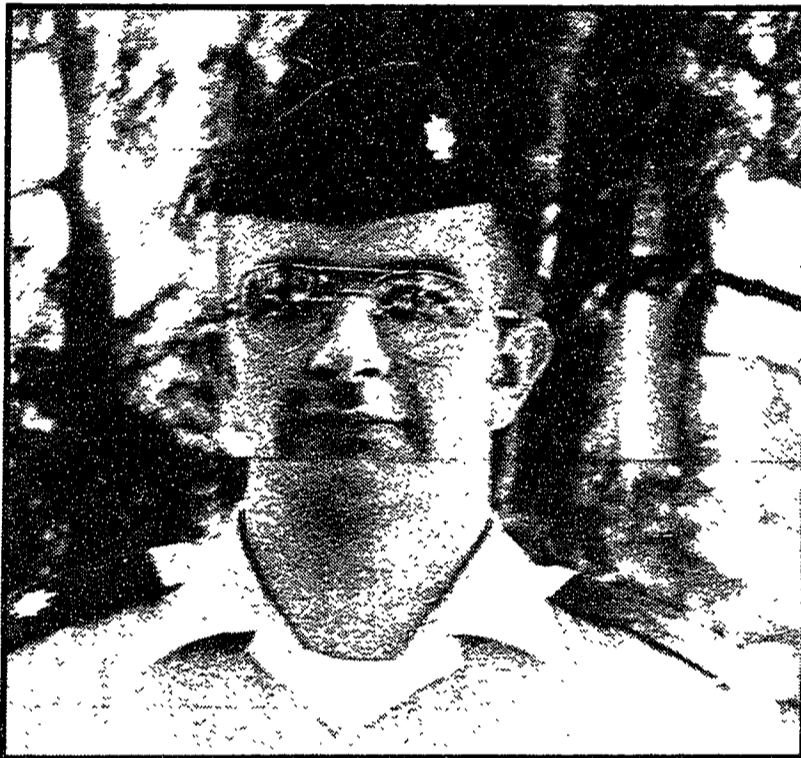
fer of a position at his Alma Mater, the United States Military Academy at West Point. The position he will fill there is one of Field Artillery Branch Representative, and Instructor of Military Tactics. He will take up this position in July of 1985.

Since his arrival here in 1982, there has been a greater emphasis placed on the quality of the cadets in the ROTC program. This emphasis has positively affected both the number of scholarship recipients and the quality of operations among the cadets.

There are presently nine second year military science students on scholarship with one alternate. There is approximately the same number of third year military science students on scholarship. Operations is the responsibility of a fourth year military science student, or cadet-officer. The quality of these young leaders has made operations during the last two years go over more smoothly and with increasingly less errors. Thus the influence of Major Hames, and his selection of highly capable students as operations officers has been a great boon to the ROTC program at Behrend.

Last year the operations officer was Lt. Jeffrey Catalfamo, and this year operations are being conducted by Co. Lt. Karl Slaughenaupt. The improvements in operations are highly attributable to the quality of the cadets chosen to fill these positions, in addition to the constant guidance of Major Hames.

A reflection of this improvement is shown by the growth of the Behrend Ranger unit, which has grown from a handful two years ago to 11 beret qualified rangers last year, who are this year's chief cadet NCO's and instructors for a ranger unit of approximately 30 cadet MS I's and II's. A full description of the Behrend's Pride Ranger unit will be given in the next issue of the Behrend Collegian.



Major Lawrence B. Hames
Assistant Professor of Military Science

to Behrend and assumed his first ROTC instructorship as Assistant Professor of Military Science, a position which he still holds. When Major Pigott left Behrend in May of 1983, Maj. Hames assumed his position of Officer In Charge (OIC).

Maj. Hames is both Airborne and Air Assault qualified, and has been decorated five times. In descending order of importance: The Meritorious Service Medal, The Army Commendation Medal, The National Defense Ribbon, The Army Service Ribbon, and The Overseas Service Ribbon.

After the Order of Promotion was read, Lt. Col. Stalman and

her presence known throughout the ceremony.

After the pinning, the major made a few remarks to the crowd, which consisted of Provost Lilley, Assistant Dean John Burke, and cadet well-wishers, many in full dress uniform. Maj. Hames announced that we many soon see a new instructor in the ROTC classroom, most likely by the start of Spring semester. He also remarked that we may have to adjust to the newcomer, since not all officers are like him.

Indeed, Major Hames is a rather unique officer and instructor. Few officers can maintain the respect that is shown him. What

Steinbacher Speaks to Sci-Fi Club



Raymond Steinbacher

Behrend faculty member, Raymond Steinbacher, will give a lecture on Elven Language and Interpretation. The lecture, sponsored by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Society will contain a lesson on the translation of Elven (made famous by J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth Sagas) into the English language. All students, faculty, and staff are welcomed to attend the event on Friday, Oct. 19 at noon in Behrend 121.

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