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Most of the resentment comes from the male cadets rather than the officers, Lee said.

Denise Goudreau, a senior in company E-3, is one cadet who said too much had been made of the harassment of women cadets.

Goudreau said she felt the cadets were treated equally when they were plebes. She said she had seen some harassment of females, but that she had been able to ignore it. "I just took it as a joke."

There are going to be feelings of resentment anytime a woman breaks into a traditionally all-male area, Goudreau said. Once the woman proves herself, she can usually gain acceptance, she added.

It is hard to say what the Army wants out of the female cadets. Although academy literature implies that it wants women who are strong and independent, yet feminine and attractive, the women are resented if they act feminine in the academy,

Goudreau said she disliked it when the administration tried to separate the women, even with good intentions. A meeting called specifically for female cadets caused more problems than it solved, she said.

"I think it's wrong. We're part of the corps. I just don't like it when people emphasize that I am a female. I am a cadet," Goudreau said.

The male cadets that were interviewed disagreed on whether the women were harassed more, but they said they felt some resentment about the women being there.

The description of preferential treatment and unfair double standards vary from one cadet to the next. While a female cadet explains that there are certain allowances in the physical requirements to account for the physiological differences between men and women, a male cadet says the differences are so large that in some instances, an "A" time for a woman is failing time for man.

To some cadets, the differences in requirements are a necessary adjustment. To others, the differences are a drop in the high standards of the academy just to keep as many women as possible at West Point.

Second Lt. Bob Kruger, who was the executive officer in company I-3 last year, said the women at West Point failed to keep with the high standards of the corps.

"I know of one girl who was allowed to take the strength and endurance test seven or eight times before she passed to get in," Kruger said. "The emphasis is placed on getting the women in here."

Kruger said he first felt women should not be at West Point when he began his basic training and watched the women "dropping like flies" on the runs. Kruger said some men also did not finish the runs but the women dropped out the most often.

"You're carrying her rifle while another guy is carrying her pack and you're giving her all your water because she drank all of hers," Kruger said. "How are you supposed to feel?"

Because he is an officer, Kruger said his official view was one of support for the women, his personal view is one of bitterness.

"I've seen it go down here since I was a plebe," Kruger said. "I've seen the discipline go down, I've seen the respect go down and I've seen the pride go down."

Kruger said when he first attended West Point, he had an open mind about the women. He added he felt no personal animosity toward them now. "I like most of the girls. They're good eggs, they try hard."

Kruger said he thought the physiological differences between men and women were just too much to try to integrate them into a military academy.

"There are too many differences for them to coexist in a high stress environment," Kruger said.

Cadet John O'Brien, a senior in company I-3, said the system of grading could be blamed for much of the resentment against the women.

He cited the requirement time on the two-mile run as an example of the huge adjustments in the men's and women's standards.

"The time allotment is adjusted so much, O'Brien said. "He performs better, she gets the better grade. The system is set up that way and it breeds resentment. You really can't take it out on the female, they didn't have anything to do with it."

The physiological differences make the double standard necessary but the large discrepancies cause harsh feelings, O'Brien said.

Kruger said he felt the double standards would always cause resentment among the male cadets.

"In 30 or 40 years, you will still hear the same gripes and complaints. Men hate a dual standard."

Kruger cited an instance with grades that he felt was unfair.

"Academically, I know of a minority female plebe who was an athlete who failed four academic subjects and was allowed to remain," Kruger said. "I've never known a man who failed more than two who remained. I find that pretty inexcusable."

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a senior at West Point**

"There is a quota, an unofficial quota," he said.

Kruger said he resented the idea of toying with an organization as vital to the country as defense.

"I'm sick and tired of seeing West Point being used as a social experiment. We ought to get back to the nitty-gritty of producing officers, not trying to solve the country's woes in this microcosm," Kruger said.

"There's a certain element of bitterness," he added. "You've got to live at West Point to feel it."

Kruger estimated that 90 percent of the cadets did not want the women there.

Other cadets disagreed with Kruger's opinion.

Mike Hogan, a senior in company I-3 and president of the class, said he thought the resentment against the women was lessening each year. A lot of harassment came from the last all-male classes and the companies that didn't have women in them kept up the harassment, Hogan said.

"You talk to a plebe and he is a whole lot less resentful than a first time (a senior cadet) would be," Hogan said.

Cadet Brad Johnson, a senior in company C-3, agreed that the attitudes against the women were changing slowly.

"The general attitude is more realistic, it's not just a male-dominated Army," Johnson said.

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