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Cadets find lessons taught by ROTC very much to their liking

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When Alvin, Deric and Eric Hunter leave for school on Wednesday morning, they are all dressed just alike.

But not in ordinary street clothes. The three are all members of the Army Junior ROTC program at Hill High School and are all properly dressed, according to military regulations, in their uniform.

Alvin is the oldest of the three and is a 2nd Lt. after only one year in ROTC. Deric and Eric are twins, and although not officers, they have uniforms that are as decorated as their older brother.

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But the three Hunter cadets are not the only black students involved in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Junior ROTC program, which also happens to be the largest program in the state. Col. Alfred Dillon says that 594 black students, of a total 1,300 students, are in ROTC. But Dillon is quick to point out that "ROTC has no color, any badge or ribbon a cadet earns, he gets it because he earns it."

One of the eight highest ranking cadets in Junior Air Force ROTC is Lt. Col. Robert Howell. Howell has been in the program for three years and is also one of the proud bearers of a superior cadet ribbon, signaling that he is the best cadet in his class.

Howell says he got into the program because some friends had told him about ROTC but says, "ROTC teaches you a lot about yourself. At first I used to be nervous to talk in front of a crowd, but because of the leadership training, I have built up to a level

where I am comfortable in front of a group."

Cadet Maj. Wray Johnson, who is also in the Air Force ROTC, says that he signed-up for the program because he wanted to learn new things. He adds, "I liked what ROTC stood for, and other people have a high regard for us. They look up to us for leadership, especially the teachers. When we are in our uniform we are not ourselves anymore. We are a part of the military."

Col. Dillon says that one of the objectives of the program is to teach the cadets to be good patriotic citizens. He adds that the program is also geared to make young people think for themselves. "Most young people are not challenged and we are challenging them."

Deric Hunter says that one of the reasons he got into ROTC was because of the uniform, taking part in the drills and learning to use the rifle.

Although the uniform might be the reason some of the students joined ROTC, Dillon says that the uniforms have a specific purpose. "When you go to church you put on the best you've got and feel better about yourself," Dillon says. "This is what we try to do with the cadets. We put them in the best clothes, teach them how to dress properly and how to groom themselves and their attitude about themselves changes."

Maj. Johnson adds that "the uniforms look the same and that makes everybody start out on equal footing. Making your uniform different from the others is up to you."

Johnson adds, "If they just told us to dress in a suit, then depending on how much money you had your suit would be different from the others. This way we are all the same. And it's easy to tell the ones who succeed."

In addition to the leadership training the cadets receive, they are also involved in various other programs. Last year the group went to the World's Fair in Knoxville, TN, and visited Washington and Fort Eustis in Norfolk, VA. Most of the trips are taken on the weekends or during school breaks and are not required.

Cadets also get practical survival, drill and adven-



An Officer And His Brothers

Brothers Alvin, Deric and Eric Hunter, members of the Hill Junior High Army ROTC unit, proudly give a salute to Commanding Officer Col. Alfred Dillon and show off their decorated uniforms (photo by James Parker).

ture training. And last year the Air Force ROTC, which is a more academic program than Army ROTC, launched their own astronaut. The Air Force cadets each have to build rockets and launch the rockets successfully to get a badge. In a special launch called Cosmos, the group put tiny mice in the rockets to test the effects of mice during a launch.

Although most of the cadets who finish the ROTC program do enlist in the military, Col. Dillon is quick to add that ROTC does not teach and is not a feeder

program for the military.

Dillon says that for a while ROTC programs were getting unpopular in the schools but now he says he can see a resurgence in the program. "One of the main reasons for the resurgence is that there is a more patriotic feeling in the country. We don't have any people marching in the streets opposing the armed forces."

He adds that also because of the leadership training
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A recovery? Many don't see it

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President Reagan has consistently said that economic recovery is just around the corner.

And top economic forecasters are predicting that things are improving — housing starts are up, interest rates are down and the number of people filing for unemployment benefits is stabilizing.

But residents of Winston-Salem are not so sure they agree with either the president or economic forecasters. The Chronicle recently polled residents downtown on their feelings about the direction the economy is moving in.

Raymond Young, student at Forsyth Technical In-

stitute: "No, I don't think things are getting any better. It is harder for young people trying to get a job and old people are having a hard time trying to make ends meet."

Thad Sherrard, retired mill worker: "If they say it's better, I don't see it. People still need jobs. There are people out here that don't have a place to stay, so many are out of a job and the inflation rate is still too high."

Maybel McClem, retired: "I think that the job situation is getting better. But I'm just not sure about Social Security. But I do believe people are beginning to get jobs."

John Rucker, laid-off textile worker: "I don't
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(photos by Robin Adams)
Angela Glenn

Maybel McClem

John Rucker

Dating And Mating

Liars, actors, manipulators

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You're a liar!

But so am I and so is almost everybody. Public people such as politicians, movie stars, sales people and stage performers are guiltier than most people. They smile to get you to approve of them or to purchase their product; they praise to get you to like them.

So, don't feel bad. Call us liars, actors or manipulators — it all means the same thing. If I want you to like me, I smile at you; if I want you to think that I am sophisticated, I have a serious look on my face; if I want to entrance you, I have a soft, caring look on my face and, if I want you to be afraid of me, I look at you sternly. Be honest. You do it too, don't you?

Everyone plays the game. Everyone acts out a role. Everyone manipulates. Often, we manipulate the behavior of others without intending to. A friend complained about his problem of frequently getting angry responses from people with whom he talked. He was not aware of the fact that whenever he was thinking about the subject that was being discussed, he adopted a serious frown on his face, whether he agreed with the other person or not. The frown was caused by his serious concentration on issues being discussed. It, however, made others think that he was angry with them.

A young lady of high moral standards was puzzled by the constant sexual proposals that she was getting
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Displaying a look of determination, Marquis Bailey, a first-grader at Griffith Elementary School, uses all his might to get the ball in the basket (photo by James Parker).

Young And Gifted

'Reluctant' scholar still excels

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"I don't like school because we have to do a lot of work," Marquis Bailey, a first grader at Griffith Elementary School, says.

But Marquis' words are no indication of the kind of student he is. According to the guidance counselor at Griffith, Paula Turner, Marquis is a good, well-rounded, artistic and athletic student. And his mother, Rene Bailey says that Marquis is a good student and usually makes very good grades.

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—Marquis Bailey

"Although he says that he hates school, if he doesn't get to go, he would have a fit," Ms. Bailey says. "He has also been fortunate enough to always get teachers who care. It means a lot to get a kid started the right way."

"About the only thing I like about school is gym class, painting and playing," he says.

Last week, Marquis won a second place award at school for a paper weaving he did.

But there are two things for sure that Marquis does love — football and basketball.

He says that his favorite professional football team is the Washington Redskins and his favorite college basketball team is the University of North Carolina Tarheels. And he is dressed in a Carolina blue shirt, his shoes have Carolina blue stripes and his basket-

ball, is what else, but Carolina blue and white. "Carolina and the Redskins are my favorite teams because I like winners and I like to be around winners. And I feel I am a winner," he says.

"My favorite college football team is Fayetteville State," he says. "His uncle, Kenneth Bailey, is a football player for Fayetteville State and spends a lot of time with him teaching him to play football," Ms. Bailey says.

"I'm not as good at basketball as I am at football," Marquis says, "but I like to play basketball."

And like every good athletic, he is more than willing to show off his talents. On the mention of going outside to play basketball, he runs to get his ball and before long, he returns ready to show off his stuff.

At the basketball court next to his grandmother's house on Dixie Broadway Street, Marquis, although the normal height for a seven year old, easily makes baskets from the foul shot line, and shows off his dribbling expertise by moving the ball around the court with the greatest of ease and in between his legs, a trick he says he learned from watching TV.

After Marquis finishes his home work, the next thing he does is "go to the basketball court and shoot a few baskets. Then I come home and run a while with the football."

But Marquis is not all sports orientated, he also likes to eat. "I just love to eat spaghetti, pizza, hot-dogs and french fries," he says, all foods most children enjoy. But he adds on several more of his favorites. "I also like cabbage, spinach, cheese and sausage. I don't know how to cook, my mother does that."

"Sometimes I also help around the house," he says, "but not too often."