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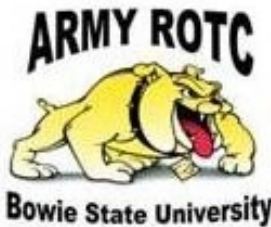
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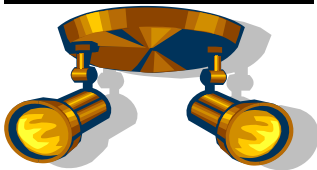
IN THE SPOTLIGHT~ ARMY ROTC



Bowie State University has an Army ROTC program led by Lieutenant Colonel Joel Thomas and Captain Katie Lynn Dale. As a part of their ROTC Developmental Assessment held the summer after their junior year, the cadets take the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) and the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA). Performance on these tests, along with Military Science knowledge and physical tests, are what

determine the cadets' ranking, and thus the branch choices for those cadets who continue in military careers.

The MAT and CLA measure the cadets' analytical, critical thinking and communications skills, all of which are very important in ROTC and military leadership. This year's graduating ROTC seniors first took these tests in summer 2015 and again in spring 2016.



In the next edition...MSCHE Periodic Review Report (PRR) feedback and results

In an effort to increase the cadets' scores for the MAT and the CLA, the Center for Academic Programs Assessment (CAPA) undertook a pilot program in the spring of 2016. The program gave the cadets, all of whom were rising seniors, information on the format of the MAT and CLA tests. The program gave them an opportunity to do practice tests, and they beta-tested a new on-line flashcard program which gave them immediate feedback about their performance.



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The feedback from the cadets about the pilot was very positive, with 100% of the cadets strongly agreeing or agreeing that the material they learned in this pilot was helpful in preparing for the MAT and CLA that they will take this summer. Test results are expected in September and will be analyzed to determine whether the pilot program was helpful in raising cadets' MAT and CLA scores. The hope is that the preparation CAPA provided positively impacted their learning and test results and that the center will be able to continue to offer this program to BSU ROTC cadets in the future.



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