

## 2.4 CREATE YOUR OWN DUMMY

**DIRECTIONS:** Below are a few photos and a story. Of course each of the photos has a cutline. And you'd want a headline with the story, but the copy editors are waiting for you to dummy the module before they'll write the headline to fit the space you provide. So, on your own paper, sketch out a module that would be suitable for this package. You may choose to use as many (or as few) photos as you like. And, of course, the story can be cut if necessary — but it can't be lengthened without the use of entry points such as pull quotes. Clearly indicate which photo(s) you have chosen to use.

THIS STORY IS 10 COLUMN INCHES  
LONG ON A SIX-COLUMN GRID

### STORY AND PHOTOS BY AUSTIN DOWD

The sun is still 90 minutes from warming the campus grounds when a senior cadet grabs cadet Nic Pilley by his shirt and shoves him into the pool.

Pilley surfaces and spits out a little water, swims to the edge and pulls himself, and his water-logged fatigues, out of the pool.

"Do it again," the senior cadet says.

Without a sound, Pilley straps on his equipment belt and harness, grabs his mock rifle and prepares for another shove.

Before the rest of campus wakes on Friday, the Army ROTC's Alpha Company runs through its water drills in preparation for the Leadership Development and Assessment Course.

"Alpha Company is made up entirely of juniors heading to LDAC," Michael Habash, a senior cadet in Alpha Company said.

All juniors in Army ROTC are required to go through the LDAC before their senior year as part of their progress towards commissioning.

"[The juniors] are pulled out to train just for summer training," Habash said.

Friday's morning drills are set up to prepare the cadets for the swimming requirements of LDAC.

A rigorous rotation of four drills, Alpha Company soldiered through a high dive, a 25-meter swim, a gear ditch and a 10-minute swim in their physical training uniforms.

But the drills weren't all drudgery. For Diab Rasheed, a senior in criminology, there was something thrilling about marching to the end of the pool's diving platform with a blindfold and a mock rifle, where nine meters of empty air separated the cadet from the clear blue water.

This was the high dive, where cadets were pushed from the board and required to hold onto the rifle

during the fall and entry, then swim to the side.

"It's like a roller coaster ride," Rasheed said.

The hardest drill for Rasheed however was the 25-meter swim, conducted in full fatigues with a mock rifle.

"I ran out of juice," Rasheed said.

But failure is not an option for these cadets, who will continue to retake the drills until completion.

For Alpha Company, perfection is not an ideal — just an early-morning routine.



**REMEMBER THE BASIC RULES:** The headline covers all the text. | All elements align neatly with each other. | There's at least an inch of text below the photo. | The entire module is shaped like a rectangle.