

# Army's ROTC is Inspirational ROTC Cadets Have Busy Summer

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This year, there are over one hundred students enrolled in Penn State-Behrend's ROTC program.

ROTC is a four year program that teaches and trains individuals to be commissioned into the United States Army as officers. It takes a lot of time and work but the end result seems to be worthwhile.

Penn State students, who have never had any previous army training, may enroll either in their freshman or sophomore years.

In the first year students are taught the role of the U.S. Army, their customs, and courtesies, and their drills and ceremonies. Throughout the course, special attention is placed on teaching the student leadership skills.

In the second year of ROTC, the training becomes much more difficult. The students are taught land navigation. This involves learning to read maps, plotting points within ten meters (for artillery purposes), and the reading of topographical maps. After the second year of training, students may drop out of the program. However, most continue with the program.

To continue with Army 300, an individual must have passed the first two years of classes offered

by Penn State, or been a previous member of the U.S. Army as part of the Army Reserves or National Guard. One could have also taken advanced placement ROTC in their junior year of high school or Basic Camp for potential ROTC cadets.

Students must also pass a physical fitness exam and a medical exam. One must be a United States citizen, have at least two years of college remaining and no criminal record.

Fourth year students are taught ethics and professionalism. They basically run the Behrend ROTC program. They plan and organize leadership laboratories and the various trips that the ROTC students go on.

There are many trips and outings that the ROTC program plans to have this year: canoe trips, helicopter rides, a weekend in Allegheny National Forest, a rappelling trip and various events sponsored by the Ranger Club.

ROTC also offers scholarships to those students who qualify. Last year 115 Penn State students applied and 112 were accepted.

If an individual gets accepted for a scholarship, the army will pay for all books and equipment, tuition costs, and \$100 a month spending money. The army offers limitless opportunities and will train you in your selected field.

by C-Sgt. Thomas Milley  
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Summer found Behrend's ROTC cadets hard at work learning a multitude of tasks, utilizing the skills taught in the classroom last school year. For some, this meant attending Army Basic Training. For others it was Army ROTC Advanced Camp. And for a select few, the thrill of parachuting at Airborne School.

Army ROTC Basic Camp and Army Basic Training provide the same military skills training with one difference: attendance at ROTC Basic Camp is not mandatory, and is made on a voluntary basis by college sophomores wishing to enter their junior year of college in the ROTC program at the third year level. The difference is an important one in that the student who goes to Basic Camp is not an official member of the U.S. Army, he or she has yet to sign a contract. Cadets who attend Army Basic Training are sent there by their units in the Reserve or the National Guard and have signed their contracts with the U.S. Army.

Both Basic Training and ROTC Basic Camp consist of six weeks of training on an Army Installation such as Fort Knox, Kentucky. The training is in basic skills such as: military map reading, land navigation, and marksmanship with various weapons, especially the M-16 rifle, the M-60 machine gun, several mortars, and anti-tank weapons.

Lisa Cooper attended Army ROTC Basic Camp. The cadets who attended Army Basic Training were: Steven Boehmer, Jon

Heidt, Mark Sinicki, and John Teleha. These cadets are now termed third year military science students, or MS III's, and are receiving their training this year in preparation for next summer's trip to Advanced Camp.

Army ROTC Advanced Camp is similar to Basic Camp in that the training is received over a six week period, and the same weapons skills are taught at each camp. However, there is much more emphasis on unit leadership. Also referred to as Army 304, Advanced Camp is given at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Army 304 is the culmination of three years of classroom instruction. It gives the cadets a chance to demonstrate what they have learned and a chance to gain valuable hands-on experience in the field.

Advanced Camp is also important to the cadets' futures. Their efforts there are recorded, and the cadets receive their cadet-officer rank based on their abilities and performance at camp.

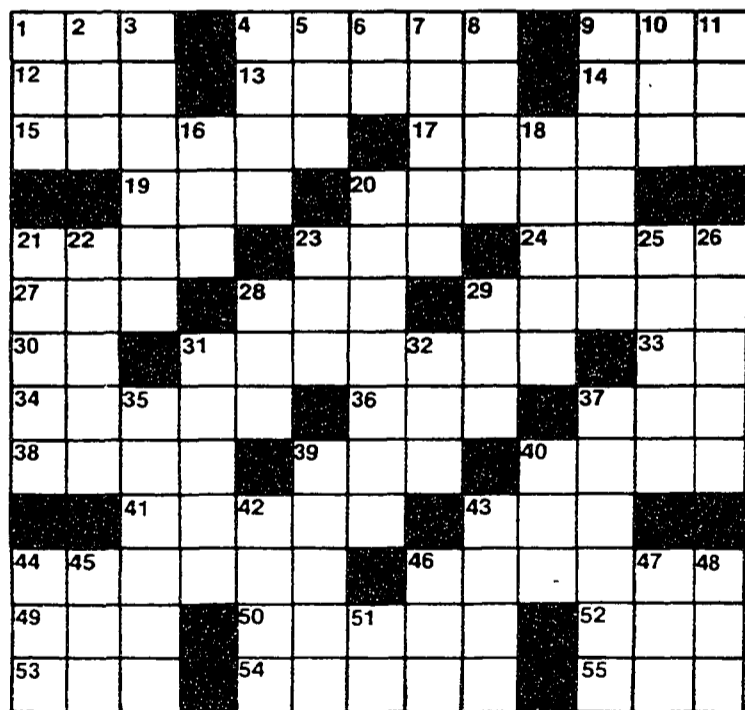
The cadets who attended ROTC Advanced Camp last summer were: Deborah Duer, Lawrence Guenther, David Harris, Margaret McAlpine, Ronald Schrader, Karl Slaugenhaupt, and Timothy Van Sickle.

Four cadets had their summer highlighted by their attending Airborne School. Airborne School consists of three weeks of advanced physical training, combined with jumps first from towers, with shock-cords to experience the "feel" of the parachute opening above you, then with five jumps from planes. These jumps are made in dif-

ferent situations, with and without gear, day and night, and from different altitudes. The culmination of attending Airborne School is becoming airborne qualified, which means earning the right and the privilege to wear the Parachutist Badge or "Airborne Wings," as they are more commonly called. But most felt the thrill was reward enough. The cadets who attended Airborne School were: Deborah Duer (who attended Airborne at Ft. Bragg, N.C.), Margaret McAlpine, Michell-Doree Miller, and Karl Slaugenhaupt, who attended Airborne at Ft. Benning, GA.

Some other news - four sophomores just received word that they have been selected as recipients of three year scholarships. These cadets are: Sean Bliley, Ralph Drayer, Thomas Harrop, and James Morgan. Kenneth Leshner was selected as an alternate. These scholarships are added to the three, three and one half year scholarships won by cadets Jack Doolittle, Tracy Haller, and Thomas Milley last May, and those four year scholarships brought to Behrend by cadets Geri-lyn Falletta, and Robert Tock. Captain Hames wishes to emphasize that the number of scholarships held by Behrend cadets is reflective of the high-caliber students enrolled in Army ROTC at Behrend. If you think you would like to be one of us, see Captain Hames in the ROTC Office located in the basement of the administration Building. Maybe you can share in the adventure!

## Crossword Companion



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|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>ACROSS</b>         | 34. Poison         | Greek Alphabet             | 29. High card                       | 44. Morning Moisture                      |
| 1. Epoch              | 36. Eat (p.t.)     | 2. Frightened (Early Eng.) | 31. Relation between tones on scale | 45. Ireland Military Organization (abbr.) |
| 4. Sire               | 37. Jelly          | 3. Military Depot          | 32. Inhabitant (suf.)               | 46. By way of                             |
| 9. Tennis shot        | 38. Coat           | 4. Poet                    | 35. Certifier                       | 47. Rock Group                            |
| 12. Pave              | 39. Squeeze        | 5. Before                  | 37. Ditch                           | 48. Decrease                              |
| 13. Odor              | 40. Twist          | 6. Depart                  | 39. Senior                          | 51. Concerning                            |
| 14. Mock              | 41. Desk           | 7. Ash                     | 40. Trick                           |   |
| 15. Adore             | 43. Drunk          | 8. Lake                    | 42. Squabble                        |   |
| 17. Scan              | 44. Tune in (p.t.) | 9. Attorney                | 43. Hunt                            |   |
| 19. Aged              | 46. Aired          | 10. Ceres mother (Gr.)     |                                     |   |
| 20. Cent              | 49. Mistake        | 11. Drone                  |                                     |   |
| 21. Chore             | 50. Scary          | 16. Type, Sort             |                                     |   |
| 23. Ban               | 52. Yale           | 18. Burden                 |                                     |   |
| 24. Moray (pl.)       | 53. Course         | 20. Indulge                |                                     |   |
| 27. Some              | 54. Oddity         | 21. Cede                   |                                     |   |
| 28. Mister            | 55. Fish eggs      | 22. Origin                 |                                     |   |
| 29. Pointed missile   |                    | 23. Lighter                |                                     |   |
| 30. Verb (form of be) | <b>DOWN</b>        | 25. Cut back               |                                     |   |
| 31. Plan (pl.)        | 1. 7th Letter,     | 26. Bloat                  |                                     |   |
| 33. Plural of I       |                    | 28. _____ Spade            |                                     |   |

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