FEATURE

Ranger Unit Learns Army's Role

by Thomas Milley **C-SGT ROTC-PIO** "We give the opportunity to Slaughenhaupt, the cadet officer- are an elite group of highly in-

learn what the role of the Rangers in-charge of the Behrend are in the Army," said Karl Rangers. "The Behrend Rangers

spired individuals, with a high espirit-de-corps which comes from being given difficult tasks and performing them well. They go the extra mile, the mile that others don't have to, because they're so inspired," he said in

reference to the Behrend Rangers.

"In the Army, the Rangers conduct overt operations in small groups, which are designed to strike fast and hard. They do a lot of damage in a short time and get out as swiftly as they came. A good example of this is the Grenada invasion last year. It was

the Army's Rangers that went in.

first," said Slaughenhaupt. Karl is ranked as a cadet firstlieutenant, and has been assigned to the 11th Special Forces. The Army's Special Forces are the units bearing the famous green berets. They are similar to the Rangers in the difficulty of tasks they are given, and the amount of damage they do. The big difference is that they do it overtly. You might say the Rangers are blunt, and the Special Forces are a little more tactful.

The goals for the Rangers this year are to train the MS ones and twos in military skills which include the: M16 rifle, M60 machine gun, and M72A2 Light Anti-tank Weapon (LAW).

"In addition," continued Karl, "we're trying to provide as close to an infantry environment as we can. We train weekly in the woods (on the south side of campus. above the ski slope) with M3A3 Springfield rifles, practicing such patrols as the raid, the ambush, and the reconnaisance."

Ranger meetings are held weekly at 5:30 p:m. on Tuesdays. To become a member of the club, you must be registered in ROTC. Ranger members acquire information that is not taught in the classroom.

"Master Sergeant Mitchell advises the club and Craig Paske is an unofficial advisor. Paske is an ex-sergeant in the 1st. Battallion, 75th Infantry Ranger Brigade,' Karl said.

"This year, our Ranger unit

should excel. It's already running much smoother than it has in the past, and a good reason for this is the number of beret-qualified Rangers we have this year. Jon Heidt is our cadet noncommisioned officer in charge (C COIC). And all our primary instructors are cadet NCOs at the MS III level, and they've all been to Army Basic Training which is nine weeks long. This is giving them good training in the instruction of Military Skills, which they have to lead their peers in at advanced camp next summer."

In order to become beret qualified as a Behrend Ranger, you must pass a list of tests written by the ranger unit advisor for University Park. These tests include: Orienteering exercises, rapfirst-aid procedures, pelling, operators maintenance on the A PRC-77 radio, the TA-312 field telephone, the M16, M60, M72A2 LAW, knowing tactical movements, river crossing operations, attaining a minimum of 225 points on the APRT, and facing a beret board, to review what the cadet has learned. There are 11 beret-qualified Rangers at Behrend, and the number is rapidly growing. There are presently 16 cadets actively pursuing beret requirements, and another dozen or so who have shown intermittent interest.

"The cadet NCOs who are the chief instructors for the Ranger unit are important to the success of the Ranger program here at Behrend," said cadet NCOIC

A highlight of the Ranger year is the field training exercise (FTX) which is scheduled for the weekend of Nov. 9, 10, 11. This event includes mock battles with actual M16 rifles that are loaded with blanks, and takes place in the Allegheny Forest. In the battles, the Rangers combat a group of volunteer, non-Ranger aggressors, in different types of missions. The Rangers use the training they have received on weeknights here at school to hopefully defeat the aggressors. The Rangers conduct raid, ambush and recon patrols, and are rated on their degree of success or failure by two MS IVs, one of which stays behind the aggressor force and observes, and the other stays behind the Ranger force and observes. After the skirmish, the two scorers contact each other on ANRC-77 radios, and decide who is the victor.

If you are registered in the ROTC program and would like to be introduced to the Rangers through this enjoyable weekend activity, contact Major Hames in the ROTC office, and tell him you'd like to be an aggressor for the FTX.

Emily Dickinson Portrayed In "The Belle of Amherst"

The Belle of Amherst, a one-the Germantown Theatre Guild of for adults and \$1.50 for students. woman play based on the life of the 19thcentury American poet Emily Dickinson, is being brought to Erie by the Friends of the Erie County Library. Johanna Ezell portrays Emily Dickinson. The play, written by William Luce, is currently running Philadelphia. It is produced by

Philadelphia and directed by Katherine Minehart. The play was originally seen on Broadway in

The local production will take place at the Wayside Presbyterian Church, 1208 Asbury Road, on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. There is a donation at the door of \$2.50

The play allows the audience to peek into the life of perhaps America's greatest poet. Dickinson is revealed by her own words, carefully chosen from her many letters and writings. For more information, contact Terry Mc-Cammon at 734-4707, or Phyllis Milmore at 833-8517.

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Rockworld's Vice President Blake Herlick states, "Since the contest is limited to college College-Only Sweepstakes II.

students, entrants have an excellent chance to win a dream vacation for the price of a postage stamp."

The college music-video show will give away 16 Windjammer Caribbean Sailing Cruises, 15 OARS Witewater Rafting Adventures and nine Bic Sailboards to 40 lucky students in the Nov. 16th drawing.

Students can enter Rockworld's College-Only Sweepstakes II by writing down their name, address, telephone number, and college name, and sending it to: Rockworld, 1698 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Or, students can drop their entries in entry boxes located in the Reed TV lounge. All entries must be received by Nov. 15.

Rockworld is a one-hour weekly music video show provided exclusively to college campuses across the United States free of charge. The show contains various types of music such as rock, country-western, rhythm and blues, jazz and punk. For more information call (518)456-3847.

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