

LTC Meccia impressed by Behrend cadets

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At the beginning of the Fall 1986 semester, LTC Meccia became the new Professor of Military Science at University Park. He has been visiting all the branch campuses in order to become more familiar with the Cadre and program on each. Last Nov, LTC Meccia visited Behrend College.

LTC Meccia is a West Point graduate, and has been an officer in the Army since 1966. After attending the Airborne and Ranger Schools, he received his first choice of branch in Germany: The Corps of Engineers. After only two months he became the Company Commander. He was then transferred to Vietnam to be Company Commander of a construction engineer corps. After holding different positions in the Army throughout the United States and being stationed in Germany once more, he came to Penn State.

LTC Meccia has found life in the military quite satisfying. He enjoys new challenges and goes on to say, "I've enjoyed the variety of assignments and challenges I've been associated with, especially with the Corps of Engineers." His family enjoys it also, but the constant relocations can be trying. However, they enjoy meeting new people and seeing new places. "My son has been to at least ten different countries, which most twelve-year-olds have never done," Meccia added.

LTC Meccia is very proud of what he is doing, but he admits that the Military is not suited for everyone. "You have to have the right motivation to choose the Military as a lifestyle. It's a career, not a job. You have to make a lot of sacrifices, but it's also very rewarding," he commented.

Of the number of officers produced by each university per year, Penn State ranks in the top five. LTC Meccia is quite confident in the quality of the cadets, especially since Penn State is the winner of the most honor graduates of the Officer Basic Course.

"I feel very good about the program." However, he plans to make sure Penn State achieves positive growth. He says, "I think we'll be very competitive with other universities for enrollment. We don't want to rest on our laurels."

LTC Meccia was especially impressed with Behrend ROTC. "With the large number of freshmen cadets, we are experiencing good growth." He feels Behrend has a strong junior class going to summer camp, "who will, no doubt, make a good showing."

Many non-ROTC Behrend students are interested in what the Army is all about. In closing, I asked LTC Meccia to give me a brief synopsis of his view of the Army. He replied, "The Army is a career of service to the nation which entails a certain degree of sacrifice. I think it's well worth the effort."



LTC Meccia, Professor of Military Science at UP

Campus club report

ROTC

by Lori Beals
and Craig Basko

On Saturday, Nov. 15, approximately 144 members of the Behrend ROTC participated in a helicopter Leadership Laboratory. First the platoons formed in the Reed parking lot, then marched down into the Behrend soccer field. Before starting helicopter familiarization, however, the cadets got a special treat. A television crew from channel 24 filmed the ROTC and several helicopter pilots from the National Guard. This film was made for use on a "Good Morning America" showing on Dec. 16. Good Morning America uses clips of special events from across America, and the ROTC clip is in celebration of seven years of ROTC at Behrend.

After this the cadets received a safety briefing on boarding and exiting a helicopter, and everyone was given a ride in one. The helicopters travelled from Behrend's soccer field to the tip of

Presque Isle, then returned to Behrend.

Additionally, classes were given on land navigation and on how to do an intelligence gathering report. Also, the cadets were able to examine the weapons and equipment of a static display by the National Guard in the Behrend soccer field.

Don't forget that it's not too late to sign up for Army 102 and 202 for the Spring Semester. In addition to participating in fun and exciting activities such as rappelling, rifle shooting and winter survival, the Army courses can count as elective credits. Remember, there is absolutely no Military obligation for signing up.

Keep in mind that ROTC scholarships are available and relatively easy to obtain.

For additional information concerning Army classes or scholarships, stop in for a no-pressure chat with CPT Donahue or MAJ McDavid in the ROTC office. No appointment is necessary.

ICC

by Matt Farkas
ICC Chairperson

What has the Inter-Club Council (ICC) done this past semester? Well, after a slow start in the beginning of the semester, we began to hold regular meetings once a week. But, that's not all the ICC did this semester. We held workshops, an Activities Fair, and helped the charting of some new clubs, along with the budget allocation process of some clubs.

That's all short and sweet, but what does it mean? To begin with, our meetings are held on every Tuesday, at 6:00p.m., in Reed 116 (This meeting place should not change next semester. We are still asking that all clubs send a representative to these meetings. On the average, 14-17 clubs were represented out of the 41 clubs that are on campus and active.

Secondly, the ICC held three workshops this semester, one each on club enthusiasm, fundraisers, and advertising and printing. The workshops were very successful, and I would like to thank the people that conducted them for their

help and support of the ICC.

The Activities Fair was conducted around mid-semester, and the general consensus was that it was successful. At the Activities Fair, clubs were able to conduct membership drives and sell various items. The membership drive was very successful for a few clubs, for instance, Barbell Club recruited 29 new members, KDR fraternity recruited 10 "rushees", and ASA sorority recruited 13 new members.

Other achievements of the ICC this past semester, were that we now have an office located in the Student Organizations Offices, and we held a Gummy Bear Sale that boasted a profit of \$1500.00.

Next semester the plans of the ICC include more workshops as well as a revision of our constitution that will clarify critical issues. Also, we are preparing a club registration form that will allow the SGA to register clubs easier. These are just a few plans that the ICC has for next semester. If you would like to help us, just stop in at the ICC office and ask someone there about what you have in mind.

Lambda Sigma Society

by Michelle Williamson
Treasurer

The Lambda Sigma Society is very active this Christmas season. To begin the holiday season, we participated in the annual Christmas Bazaar by selling buttons and homemade cookies.

On December 4th, a few of our members visited the Hamot Children's Ward. Calvin Fryling dressed up like Santa Claus and entertained the children with stories and games.

Another activity we have planned is caroling. On December 8th we combined efforts with members of the choir and went Christmas

caroling in a local nursing home.

In an attempt to spread this Christmas cheer to the less fortunate children of Erie, Lambda Sigma will sponsor a toy drop December 5th thru the 10th to collect toys for these children.

Lambda Sigma is bringing a touch of home to students who live at Behrend. We have organized the "Care Package from Home" program which will take place on December 12th.

Our society was established with service to the school and community in mind, and we hope our efforts bring a little extra cheer to everyone this holiday season.

Rifle club

by Lori Beals
Collegian Staff Writer

The Rifle Club's Turkey shoot

was won by Jim Barrett. He had a high score of 12 points, which won him a 12 pound Thanksgiving Turkey.

Who's who in ODK

by Lori Beals
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Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), a National Honor Society, held an Induction on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 2:00 p.m. in Reed 117.

The purpose of ODK is to "recognize people who are efficient in collegiate activities, to bring together the most representative students in all phases of collegiate life, and to bring together members of the faculty and student body on a basis of mutual interest and understanding," according to the ODK manual.

ODK recognizes and encourages achievement in scholarship, athletics, social service, religious activities, campus government, Journalism, speech and the mass media, and the creative and performing arts.

"Late night study" is among some of the events sponsored by ODK, along with an Easter party for boys and girls from the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program, and they co-sponsored the Food Drive with the help of the BCCA and Campus Ministry.

The induction on Nov. 23 brought 17 people into the ODK. There were 13 students and 4 faculty members inducted. To become a member, students must have a 3.0 GPA or above, and five qualifications such as good character,



Photo by Rick Brooks

Marge Tomczak, ODK President

responsible leadership and service in campus life, superior scholarship, genuine fellowship, and consecration to democratic ideals. The faculty must have achieved excellence in teaching and advising, and be involved in school committees.

Marge Tomczak, ODK President, commenting on the induction process, said "It is both an honor and a responsibility to be selected as a member of Omicron Delta Kappa. Members take that seriously."



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Color guard

by Lori Beals
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January 24, 1987 is Behrend College Hockey Night. The Colorguard will be presenting the Colors before the face-off between The

Erie Blades and Mohawk Valley, held at the Erie Civic Center. Tickets are available at the RUB desk or the ROTC office for fifty cents off the regular ticket price--\$3.00.

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student is certain of the career he wishes to pursue. The first step of DISCOVER is self evaluation, which consists of an interest test, and also rates one's abilities and values. The outcome will produce a cumulative list of possible occupations based on the highest scores obtained in this section. Step two is an occupation search based on the student's major. Step three allows students to learn about any occupation by asking 16 questions. Finally, step four

consists of education information based on the student's major. The system will suggest what type and how much education would benefit the student for his desired occupation.

The Career Planning and Placement Center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Wednesdays the office is also open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and all students are encouraged to make use of its many resources.

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the war, and then much later, being a professor at the University of Toronto teaching Shakespeare. "He's still traveling a lot and recently gave an interview in New York on November 24." Dr. Davis was "unable to attend that interview because of it being too close to Thanksgiving."

Dr. Davis also has had recent accomplishments of his own, for ex-

ample, the completion of his book called *Critical Essays on Edward Albee*. "It is a collection of essays and reviews about Edward Albee's plays. It is due to be released this month from G.K. Hall publisher. "He is looking forward to getting started on his new book, and feels "great" about receiving the grant. "It's paid trips to Canada. It's nice."

Behrend drivers' assistance requested

Police and Safety-- With winter weather here, the Maintenance and Operations Department, as well as Police and Safety, are asking for the assistance of all students, faculty and staff in regards to snow removal. There are several things that vehicle custodians can do to help make snow clean up a more efficient operation.

1. Make sure that your vehicle is winterized.
2. Watch the weather forecasts and be prepared to get up early to

dig out your vehicle if necessary.

3. If at all possible, don't park in "A" lot (Reed) or the lower lots while heavy snows are a threat.
4. If it snows, dig out your vehicle and move it to a cleared out area as soon as possible. On several occasions vehicles have been left snowed in and abandoned/disabled in lots for long periods of time taking up three or more parking spaces and becoming "snow birds".
5. If your vehicle "breaks down" make arrangements to get it

moved as soon as possible. Don't leave it on campus in that state for any length of time, and if it snows know it will have to be removed.

The College needs your cooperation in this matter, the unfortunate alternatives are lost parking places, hazardous visibility and the possible towing of the vehicles causing the problems.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Police and Safety at 898-6227.

S.G.A Minutes



- * The meeting scheduled for Nov. 26 was cancelled.
- * President Doug Gainor announced that a committee was being formed to review a proposal for stipends for student leaders. This committee will decide which leaders will get paid, and how much money they will receive. Student leaders will begin receiving stipends at the start of the 1987-88 school year.
- * JRC has postponed the "Meet the Government" program until next semester. The aluminum can fundraiser will also be arranged on campus.
- * On Saturday, Dec. 13, there is a "Study break" being held in the RUB. Cartoons will be shown from 2-3:00 and pizza will be served.
- * SPC mentioned that they are working to have Skippy Handelman from the TV show "Family Ties" bring his comedy act to Behrend. The SPC is also bringing the humane society on campus with movies, and of course puppies and kittens. They'll be giving speeches and showing movies (next semester). The Air Band Contest has been moved to February 14.
- * Jim Stenger, SGA Vice-president, announced that money for the Spring Break trip to Daytona is due by February 1. The total cost is \$189.00.
- * The Student Senate voted on the recommendation of the budget committee and allocated \$162.00 to the Barbell Club and \$516.00 to the Behrendettes as well as a \$200.00 loan.
- * A Constitutional Review Committee was being formed to review and make changes in the SGA constitution.

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