

STUDENT VOICE



Shawn Wical

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With all the controversy over smoking in public places and second hand smoke these days, the Wintergreen Cafe has decided to divide its eating area into smoking and non-smoking sections. This, of course, will cause quite a stir with the students who habitually eat there. So we asked some what they thought of the new policy and where they thought each section should be and came up with these replies:

Shawn Wical, 10th semester, EETBD—"I smoke and think it is repulsive. The smokers should be

placed in back so they don't disgust the non-smokers."

Jim Fraps, 4th semester, Chemical Engineering; Mark Griffith, 4th semester, Business; Mike Broniszewski, 4th semester, Business; Chris Gaydos, 4th semester, Horticulture—"We feel that a non-smoking section is necessary since cigarette smoke is very annoying to us non-smokers. It's very disturbing to see a dirty, smelly ashtray in front of your face while you're trying to eat, especially now with the windows being open and the breezes blowing ashes on our delicious food. Smoking should be done outside in the lobby with the Rub Rats."

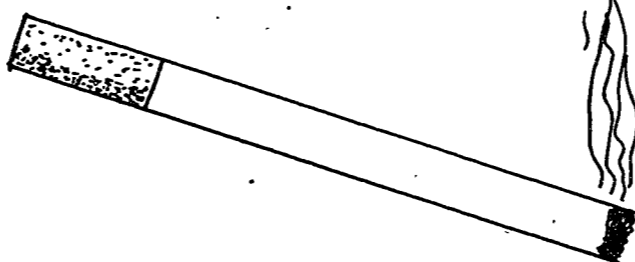


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Top Row l to r: Jim Fraps, Mike Broniszewski, bottom l to r: Chris Gaydos, Mark Griffith.

ROTC Cadets experience Fort Indiantown Gap

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Friday, April 10, 29 ROTC cadets started out on an 8-hour trip to Fort Indiantown Gap (FIG). FIG weekend is used in orienting freshmen and sophomores to rifle firing, tactics, compass use in land navigation and, this year, helicopter orientation. For juniors, the weekend is preparation for Army Advanced Camp, which they will attend this summer. FIG gives seniors the chance to organize and conduct a large training operation before they are commissioned as lieutenants this May.

After arriving, each group of

cadets went to a different area. The freshmen and sophomores got bedding and went to their barracks. The juniors were issued weapons and went in the woods of FIG. The seniors were given various tasks, such as supervising the juniors during their night missions and evaluating their performance.

The juniors had a long weekend ahead of them. During the dark Saturday morning hours, they went on reconnaissance and security patrols, and conducted an attack at dawn. With no sleep, the juniors went through a day land navigation course, partly written and partly done with a compass, which they were graded on. Saturday afternoon they went to TAX (tactical

application exercise) lanes, where they were put in several different situations which they could face in battle. Similar to what will happen at Advanced Camp, each person became a squad leader in these encounters and was graded on his/her performance. Some scenarios the squads were put in were: sniper attack, near-ambush, the attack of a small force and capture of prisoners of war, and reaction to a mine field under chemical attack.

Saturday night the juniors went into the woods for night land navigation and again went into night defensive positions. Very early Sunday, they went on an ambush patrol, and later during the night they were probed with fire by ag-

gressors. After a hot breakfast Sunday morning, they cleaned their weapons and made sure they still had all their gear. They went to an assembly of all the cadets, then wearily climbed on the bus and finally got some sleep on the way back to Erie.

The freshman OPHOMORE WEEKEND WAS QUITE DIFFERENT. After getting up early Saturday morning, the freshmen and sophomores went to physical training. After a hot breakfast in the mess hall, they traveled to the rifle range where they were shown how to fire the M-16 rifle. Ten of the Behrend cadets went to the Professor of Military Science rifle match where they came out as overall winners along with capturing the first and third place individual trophies. In the afternoon, after enjoying a Meal Ready to Eat (MRE as they are commonly known), the cadets went to a tactics area, where they were shown techniques of movement. After getting another hot meal for dinner, they marched to the night land navigation course. Pairs of cadets were issued a compass, flashlight, and paper with instructions on it for finding their first point. After being taken to various starting points, the cadets set out in the light of the almost-full moon. After exploring the woods in search of the correct points, and the green glow sticks that marked them, the groups finally made their way to the other end of the woods. After standing in line to turn in equipment and the points they had found, the cadets were taken to a barracks where they were given cocoa and soup. After this short break, many of the cadets went to clean M-16s, then everyone was sent back to their barracks. Finally after a long day, the cadets removed their dirty boots from their aching feet, and crawled into bed, most falling asleep almost immediately.

Getting up quite early Sunday

morning, the cadets stripped their beds and turned in their bedding. After a hot breakfast, they went back to their barracks to clean up and pack their bags for the trip home. Finally, they got in formation and marched to buses which transported them to the helicopter landing site, where several helicopters soon landed. The seniors gave classes on terrain features, then the freshmen OPHOMORES WERE PUT IN GROUPS OF EIGHT AND TAKEN TO THE HELICOPTERS. There they received a safety briefing and were allowed to get in the helicopter and practice putting on seatbelts.

After a long wait, the first group of cadets ran to the choppers and got buckled in. Then after a few moments, the choppers slowly lifted off and took the cadets on a ride over FIG. Although the choppers were supposed to land at the orienteering course and leave the cadets there, they returned with everyone still aboard. They could not land because of fog over the landing zone. The first few groups were taken by bus to the orienteering course, but during this wait, the fog lifted, and the rest of the groups were told they would be flown to the course. The choppers started their rotors, and again the groups ran to and boarded the choppers. This time the choppers came back empty, and the rest of the flights went as planned.

Although last semester most of Behrend's cadets got to have a helicopter ride during the Leadership Lab, most of the cadets from other campuses had not. While airborne, the cadets got to see FIG from the air and enjoy the yellow carpet of last fall's leaves that covered the ground below the budding trees. The ride was more exciting because this was an open door flight. Two feet in front of your face was open air, but the ground was 1500 feet down! The other helicopters were visible

beside you, their rotor blades whirling, and the deep "whop-whop" of the blades of the chopper you were on seeming to vibrate in your body.

Too soon the choppers reached the landing zone. They touched down, and the crew chief yelled "Go!" The cadets reached down, pulled the quick release on their seatbelts, jumped out of the chopper and ran away from it. Almost simultaneously the cadets fell in the dry field, turning to watch the chopper quickly lift off again. Then the cadets got up, put their hats (which had been stowed in their pockets so they wouldn't blow away) back on, and moved over to the edge of the forest to receive directions for the orienteering course.

Groups of cadets from each campus were given terrain maps with 25 points marked on them. Points were divided between groups, who then were sent off to find their assigned points. The points were marked by square orange flags with a code attached to them, which the cadets copied when they found the flag. Behrend's cadets walked or ran to find the points, and within an hour most of the points had been found, and the point codes were handed in. This was the last event of the day. The cadets climbed on deuce-and-a-halfs, and the Army's 2 1/2 ton trucks, and ate MREs on the way back to the buses that would take them home.

After all the cadets had assembled, from freshmen to seniors, Colonel Meccia, from University Park, presented Behrend with the huge PMS match trophy, and the individual shooting trophies. Behrend's cadets had won. Behrend also won the orienteering competition. Meccia congratulated everyone on their performance during the weekend, and invited us back next year. After being dismissed, Behrend's cadets gladly got on the bus for home after a very full weekend.

Crossword Companion

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- ACROSS
- Alternate (abbr.)
 - Instance
 - Sleeveless garment of goat's hair
 - Home
 - First man
 - Recreational vehicle
 - Atop
 - Fish with snout
 - Alter
 - Tree
 - Also
 - Pave
 - Act; deed
 - Route
 - Absolute monarch
 - Earth (Gr. comb. form)
 - Beverage
 - Self
 - Elevated railroad
 - Stomp
 - Hypothetical force
 - Soak flax
 - Before (Poetic)
 - Ennet
 - Shower
 - Knock
 - College official
 - Rest
 - Drug
 - Two
 - Abase
 - Tin
 - Take action
 - Time period
 - Not any
 - Chief Norse God
 - Pale
 - Jug
 - Rodent

- DOWN
- Feel
 - Coalition of nations (abbr.)
 - Sack
 - Ricochet
 - Public notice
 - Unhappy
 - Give off
 - Loath
 - Ban
 - Small bug
 - Idle
 - Near
 - Tub
 - Crone
 - Breakfast cereal
 - Vietnamese offensive
 - Energy
 - Gone by
 - Staff
 - Metal
 - Mode
 - Mistake
 - Meadow
 - Craft
 - Goal
 - Oz character
 - Mow grass
 - No (Scot.)
 - Lead car
 - Scan
 - Midday
 - Window
 - Southern state (abbr.)
 - Morning moisture
 - Age
 - At once
 - Neither
 - Direction (abbr.)
 - Prosecuting lawyer (abbr.)

Puzzle #111

Penn State defeats Pitt once again

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Penn State tackled Pitt once again, but this time it wasn't on a football field. On April 1, 1987 the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville held a lip sync contest for college talent within a 100 mile radius of Titusville.

Seven acts performed in the contest, two of which were Behrend's own. The "Dregs", which consisted of fraternity and sorority members from Sigma Kappa Nu and Sigma Theta Chi, and "The Time" which included Hank Purefoy, Ronald Williams, Leon Corbin, Ed Williams, and Andre Walicek, were those students from Behrend involved. The remaining acts were from Pitt. Prizes were given to the first, second, and third place winners.

The Dregs took first place as well as the \$300 check that came with it, and "The Time" was awarded the 2nd place prize of \$150. Everyone was ecstatically surprised at the competition. The majority of the audience consisted mostly of students from Titusville, there were, however, students from Behrend there to help cheer on the performers, friends from both

bands who went along made up only 15 people in an audience of about 200.

The bands were more surprised as a whole to have taken 1st and 2nd prize. Pat Espin, of the Dregs explained that the band had to recruit 5 new replacements and rehearse 1 hour before departure. On the trip down they encountered a close call with a state cop while cruising through a red light in fear of being late. Upon arrival the band was already 15 minutes late and 3 bands had already performed. They immediately jumped on stage and took the crowd by surprise. Chris Jordan, lead vocals, explained that there was a little extra tension from being late, having new members, and performing in front of a strange audience. As the band began performing their version of "Call Me Al" by Paul Simon, Chris Jordan reports "the crowd went berzerk." It seems as though the audience was prepared for an age-old blues-brothers routine due to the black tie, white shirt and shades combo.

"Other bands before and after were either Heavy Metal or Punk" says Dana Fletcher. "We were the first band that didn't have a real up-beat song" says Chris Jordan. "I think the girls added a little

flair" added Pat Espin. By this time energy and anticipation had filled the room. But the spontaneous trip, the unpredicted audience reaction, and the flashy females in tux shirts and cummerbunds still did not win them their three digit prize. Chris Jordan continued "We hadn't had time to prepare a second song, but the emcee and judges insisted that each band perform 2 songs in case of a tie." Chris Jordan told the emcee to "flip the tape" and the band "blew them away" again with "Boy in a Bubble." The girls jumped right in with catchy dancing and the other instrumentalists played by Chris' cue.

Upon receiving the award, lead singer Chris Jordan couldn't remember one of his band members' name. It was shocking, exhilarating, "a definite experience" says Dana Fletcher.

The emcee at Titusville consented that he felt like Vinnie Testaverde. All in all both bands had a great time and expressed an interest in doing more travelling competitions.

I think we can thank "The Dregs" and "The Time" for adding to the prestige and reputation of P.S.U. at Erie with their winning performances.