

**news**

**Club report  
Ranger Club**

by James Gavrillis

The Ranger Club, a detachment of the Behrend College ROTC program, is now vigorously training for the Ranger Challenge. This is an event in which all the ranger clubs from other schools in western Pennsylvania compete in various military skills, including PT, the rope bridge, rifle marksmanship, grenade throwing and a 10K road march. The first, second and third place winners will then compete with the winners from other areas for the state championship. The top three of that event go to Fort Bragg, NC, to compete with the best of ROTC Region I. The Rangers Club is looking forward to going all the way this year. Last year the Club took fourth place in western PA.

Among the other ROTC sponsored clubs are the Rifle Club, Scuba Club, and Drill Team. The various clubs teach their specialty and compete in their areas, but Rangers must be proficient in all areas, including marksmanship, and drill and ceremonies. Additionally, the Rangers must learn movement, maneuver, small unit tactics, and patrolling (raid, reconnaissance, and ambush). They also get hands-on training with the M-60 machine gun and the M-16 rifle. In the Ranger club, cadets not only get to practice and exercise leadership and managerial skills but they have the time, equipment, personnel, and advising to refine and develop their own leadership style.

Among the other skills that the Ranger Club members learn are land navigation, mountaineering, radio communication, first aid, winter survival, and physical and mental discipline. The club also instills self-confidence, competence, aggressive spirit, and mental alertness.

All the new Ranger Club members are aspiring to set themselves above the rest of the ROTC GMS cadets by earning the black beret. The black beret is awarded to Ranger Club members who meet the high standards of the club. They must pass all tests in the 45 skills they must learn. They must also score over 75 in the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT). Earning the beret is not easy. It takes much time and hard work. All beret holders must maintain the high standards, and they must re-qualify every semester to continue wearing the beret.

The club started with a loud bang. The Ranger Club Cadre—Commanding Officer, Cadet Brian Anderson; Executive Officer, Cadet Larry Witte; Platoon Sergeant, Aaron Higby; Training and Operations NCO, Cadet James Gavrillis; and our Ranger Club instructors, Cadet Mike Lewis and Cadet Michele Grasmick—and some special guests—Specialist John Moscato, PFC Dean Meinert,

Cadet Greg Durcack—held a demonstration for the club's newest members. Also participating in the demonstration were last year's club members Ted Caldwell, Kevin Morris, and Ed Diana.

The demonstration consisted of a raid patrol. A five man support team laid suppressive fire on an "enemy" machine gun position centered between a house and two barns, while the assault team stormed the position, tactically clearing the house and the barns as they closed in with and destroyed the "enemy," using smoke grenades and blanks for both the M-16 and M-60 machine gun. The Ranger Club Cadre also demonstrated the one rope bridge—a means for a squad or platoon sized element to cross a small river or gorge. After the demonstration, a small introductory class on the M-60 machine gun was given by Cadet Greg Durcack, and the rope bridge was made available for crossing for anyone who desired to do so.

The demonstration was very successful in that it not only did the Ranger Club Cadre perform excellently, but we had large turnout of interested new members at the first meeting, ready for training. Besides being issued equipment at the first meeting, new members were taught movement techniques, the fire wedge formation, how to react to flares, how to form hasty fighting positions and temporary perimeters, and assembly and disassembly of the M-16 and M-60 machine gun. After classes, the trainees practiced what they learned.

They were very attentive, motivated, fired up, and willing to accept the responsibility and challenge of their positions and of the club. The Ranger instructors showed both enthusiasm and professionalism in their teaching, and they demonstrated the "lead by example" motto of the Officers' Training Corps, showing quality of skill and character.

We are looking forward to an excellent semester and year for the Ranger Club, and for the ROTC program in general. It is not too late to join the club. Just contact Cadet Brian Anderson or Cadet Larry Witte in the Army ROTC Office. If you have any questions or interests in the Ranger Club, Drill Team, Rifle Club or Scuba Club, feel free to stop by any time in the ROTC Office located in the basement of the Glennhill Farmhouse.

At this time I'd like to thank the Cadre, the MS-II's (former club members), and the special guests for their support and effort in demonstration. I would also like to thank the Army ROTC Cadre—Major McDavid, Captain Donahue, and the Master Sergeant Young—for their support of the clubs.

**Rifle Club**

Have you ever wanted to shoot a rifle? Never had the chance? Join the Rifle Club. We meet every Thursday in front of the ROTC Office. (No, you don't have to be in ROTC). It's only \$1 per week, and transportation is provided. If you've never shot before, don't worry. Someone is always there to show you. It's an exciting learning experience, and it's very cheap for students.

**Scuba Club**

by Mike Gannon  
Collegian Staff Writer

The Scuba Club would like to welcome the 21 new members and the large number of the returning student body. The Club has been busy conducting all of the required pool training in the Behrend pool. The Scuba Club's first fund raiser went well, this involved anyone on campus who wanted to "Try Scuba First", the club also sponsored Freshman Orientation Day at the pool with demonstrations of the abilities of the returning divers and the first breath underwater for many of the newest arrivals at Behrend College.

The Club has been diving in the local lakes and many of the new students have found bottles, seen fish and visited some of the sunken rowboats. Many hours of air have been burnt underwater in the pursuit of certifying for the PADI Openwater Rating which allows the individual to dive to 60 feet and almost anywhere in the free world. The Club conducted Boat Dives into the depths of Lake Erie the 19th and 20th of September. Three boat loads of divers toured the bot-

tom looking for collectibles such as fish, anchors, and fishing lures. The site of the dive was the wreck of the ROB ROY, an old ore freighter, which was not found due to the visibility of the lake.

The Club is planning the following events, the Christmas trip to the Florida Spring the 3rd through the 8th of January 1988. The boat diving trips will continue until the weather becomes nasty. But the weather is no factor in the 100 foot plus visibility of the Florida Springs. The Club will also be returning to the Crystal River area of Florida to revisit some of the manatees from last year. These 12-14 foot underwater mammals exceed 3,000 pounds and are almost extinct. They are very friendly but their size is impressive. Other dives on this trip to be conducted include the deep dives for the advanced course and the night dives into the local caverns to observe fish and formations.

The Scuba Club is open to all full time Behrend students who are certified divers. If you are interested in the Club the meetings are Wednesdays at 5:30 at the ROTC

**Congratulations!!!**



Talent Show Winners - The Beastie Bongers

To the Beastie Bongers for winning 1st place in the Talent Show!

...and a special thanks to all those that participated in the Talent Show, the judges, competitors, the master of ceremonies, Carmen Romano (for his technical expertise) and all SPC members that helped set up and tear down. It went GREAT!!

From...  
Angie Papaleo  
and  
Student Programming Council

—Comedian—

**Bob Goldthwait  
("Bobcat")  
from the movie  
Police Academy  
Appearing in Erie Hall  
on  
October 24th!!**



**ROTC**

by James Barrett  
Collegian Staff Writer

Drownproofing was held the week of Sept. 20-25 in the Behrend pool in preparation for the Oct. 3rd lead lab at Presque Isle. The drownproofing, instructed by the 4th year ROTC cadets, teaches the student how to stay afloat using their own clothing as floatation devices. The instruction first consisted of splitting the students into small groups. Then, while wearing their Battle Dress Uniforms (BDU), they were instructed to jump into the shallow end of the pool and swim to the other end. There they were instructed on how to remove the BDU pants, tie the legs shut, and inflate them with air so they would float. This is an important skill to know before traveling on the water and may come in handy at any time.

The lead lab itself will include canoeing on the inland waterways of Presque Isle, along with classes in first aid, knot tying, and some drill and ceremonies. There will also be a picnic lunch at the shelter near Perry Monument. For some of the students, this will be the first time they have ever been in a canoe, or boat of any kind.

At this time I would like to remind anyone who is interested in taking Army 101, and would like to join us on these outings, that all they need to do is stop into the ROTC office and see Major McDavid. All are welcome.

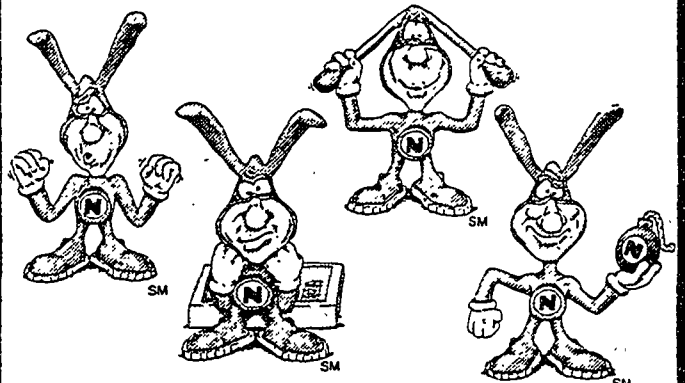
The Drill Team, ROTC's color guard, are still taking people who are interested in joining the precision drill squad. The Drill Team can be seen at local sporting events here on campus, and travels to other schools to present the nations colors before sports events. You do not have to be a member of ROTC to join. For information regarding the Drill Team, contact Michelle Grasmick in the ROTC office.

A note to those Army students who are athletically orientated, sign-up is in progress for the ROTC football team. Anyone interested should see Major McDavid in the ROTC office for information. Let's clean house this year guys.

**Sorry, Phil**

The Behrend Collegian apologies to Phil Giewont for the incorrect spelling of his name on the front page of Issue 1. No hard feelings, huh?

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