

ROTC holds final leadership lab

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By Maria Plaza

The final Leadership Lab of this semester was held by Behrend's Reserve Officer Training Corps on Saturday November 14.

Leadership Labs are designed to challenge cadets and give them experience in leadership and working together. The final Lab consisted of firing M-16 rifles, classes, and a Leadership Reaction Course.

In the Leadership Reaction Course, squads of seven to ten cadets, each led by a second- or third-year ROTC student, were assigned five tasks, each "an exercise in organization and thinking," says public relations officer Calvin Fryling. The tasks had a time limit and required problem solving, teamwork, and physical skills. Leaders were evaluated on organization skills, communication, involvement, and, of course, whether they completed the task.

The second part of the Lab was

designed to familiarize cadets with the M-16 rifle, "the Army's number 1 rifle," says Corpsman Calvin Fryling. The cadets had studied the M-16 rifle in class before but this was the first opportunity for most of them to actually fire one. They travelled to an indoor rifle range in Lawrence Park where they each fired 20 rounds and were coached on form.

Classes in first aid and land navigation were also taught.

Any student is eligible to join ROTC. While the purpose of ROTC is to train future officers, Fryling recommends it not just to those interested in military careers but also to "anyone interested in leadership skills, building self confidence, or gaining a general understanding of the military." Fryling says ROTC also offers a lot of opportunities for fun and interesting activities.

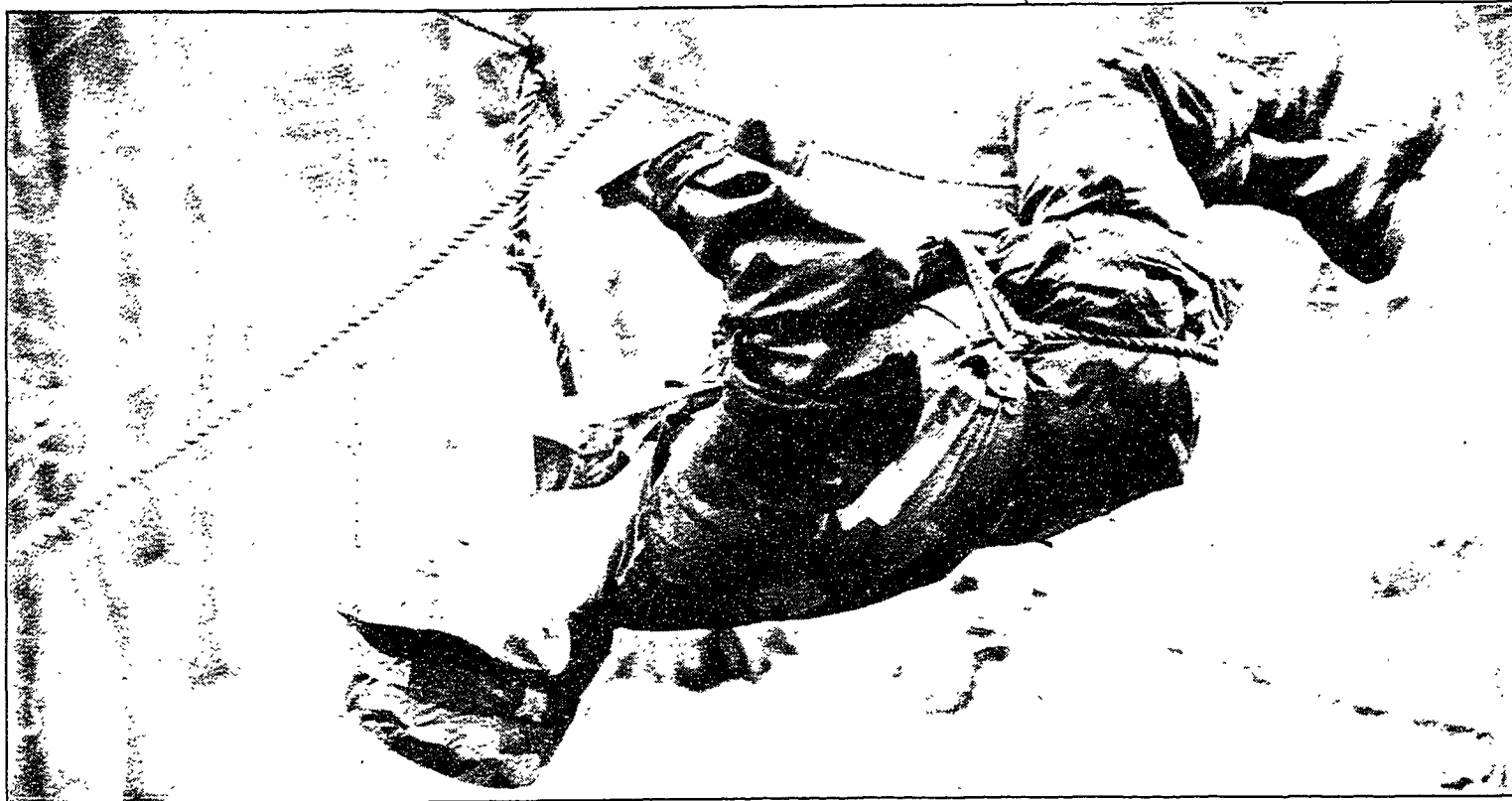


photo by Rick Brooks

This is 'adventageous' Welcome Sister O'Connell

by Trinetta Zawadzki

Advent is the seasonal preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas in the Christian religion.

The Advent Season starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas as it was decreed 600 years ago by Pope Gregory I. The first Sunday of Advent is also regarded as the commencement of the Christian ecclesiastical year.

On November 29, the Advent Season will once again begin and on November 30, Campus Ministry will hold an Advent service for all the students. One of the people helping in the celebration of this service will be Sister Marie O'Connell, R.M.S.

"At the Advent service, we will be celebrating the coming of Christ, and the lighting of the candles is to remember the people in the darkness, hoping they will find their way, especially to Christ," said Sister O'Connell.

Sister O'Connell, along with Father Ron Toven is the Roman Catholic representative on Behrend Campus. She joined the Behrend family because of interest and there was no Catholic ministry on the Campus. So far Sister O'Connell is delighted with Behrend Campus and the people on it.

"Everyone has been very hospitable, and I'm pleased with the people and the students I know," said Sister O'Connell.

Some of the many things Sister O'Connell does are to find out what

the religious life on campus is and to meet with the Roman Catholic and other students at large to read the scriptures, have religious discussions, and also to discuss moral values. Sister O'Connell does this after she has helped in the student religious service. At the mass, Sister O'Connell is a Eucharistic Minister and sometimes a lecturer, but the students themselves are the lecturers.

"I want to encourage the students to get involved with the mass, such as becoming lecturers," commented Sister O'Connell.

Sister O'Connell uses her Saturday nights to get to know the students. But getting to know the students is only one of the road blocks Sister O'Connell has come to face.

"Trying to reach and getting to know the majority of the students is hard. The commuters are a good example. There is a lack of personal communications media such as a mailbox. So we try to get to know them by calling them at their homes," said Sister O'Connell.

Sister O'Connell hopes to stay with the Behrend Campus for sometime. She hopes to feel a part of the campus, and to do so she is out meeting the students and holds office hours Tues. 4-6 p.m., Thurs. 9-11 a.m., and also after services Saturday Sister O'Connell is on campus.

"When I grow up, I want to be a ..."

by Trinetta Zawadzki

Did you spend your childhood dreaming of becoming a fire and rescue person? If you are willing to take the time and make the commitment, Brookside Volunteer Fire Department is now taking recruits.

"Until of late, we have been hesitant to recruit at Penn State because of the schedule of the college. We are now advertising because there are many qualified individuals on the campus, some of which have already been involved with other fire and rescue departments," remarked Fire Chief Jeff Schaff.

Being a Brookside Volunteer means going through a six-month probation period in which you are required to take 45 hours of basic training courses that teach first aid and CPR; you learn the history of the fire department, past and present; you get to know the hazards you will face such as toxic waste, fire and commercial fires, and motor vehicle accidents. Mandatory drills are held every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. and the monthly meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of each month.

"The probation period is a temporary state of growth in which both you and the company evaluate each other to see if this is truly for you. This department prides itself on professionalism and being a fire person is very serious — it is not a

game. The department generally offers something to everyone. There is always something someone can do," stated Chief Schaff.

The department itself has 25 volunteers, 2 engines, a tanker, and a squad/utility vehicle. It does not separate fire and emergency calls. Brookside is included in the East side paramedics.

Any one who is interested and is willing can become volunteers. Both males and females can apply. To become a volunteer there is no experience necessary, but you must be 18 years of age, and meet the obligations of the company probation. Applications may be obtained by contacting Bud Casane, whose telephone number is 899-7530, or by going to the station before the 7 p.m. drills on Tuesdays.

GLAMOUR's Top Ten Competition here

Behrend College students are invited to participate in GLAMOUR Magazine's 1988 Top Ten College Women Competition. Young women from colleges and universities from throughout the country will compete in GLAMOUR's search for ten outstanding students. A panel of GLAMOUR editors will select the winners on the basis of their solid records of achievement in academic studies and/or in extracurricular activities on campus or in the community.

The 1988 Top Ten College Women will be featured in GLAMOUR's August College Issue. During May, June or July, the top ten winners will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to New York City and will participate in meetings with professionals in their area of interest.

Anyone who is interested in entering the search should submit an application by Dec. 15, 1987. Questions should be directed to Linda Applespurger, Career and College Competitions, Conde Nast Building, 350 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Telephone: (212)880-8800.



photo by Paul Roach

How bazaar!

By Maria Plaza

You may not recognize the Reed Building when you return from Thanksgiving. That's because the Inter Club Council will be holding a Christmas Bazaar.

The Bazaar, which will live up the lower Reed Building Nov. 1 and Dec. 1 and 2, will consist of various student organizations' fund raisers, all with a Christmas theme.

Not only does the Bazaar help the clubs raise money but it also gives the students an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and, says ICC president Carl Dabler, "helps everybody get into the Christmas spirit and acts as a diversion right before finals."

Dabler says about 20 clubs are expected to participate. So far, planned items include such things

as wrapping paper, Santa Grams, and pictures with Santa.

According to Dabler, this will be the fifth or sixth Bazaar to be held and is "one of the annual events that starts the Christmas season." This year's Bazaar, like those in the past, is expected to be very profitable for participating clubs.

"I'd like to extend my invitation for all students, faculty, and staff to stop by and see what's available," says Dabler, "you might even be able to stuff those stockings early."

The ICC is also planning a Winter Festival for next semester. Although no date has been set, they hope to have some fund raisers and possibly some outdoor activities. Whatever they do, it promises to be a fun break from studies and the winter blahs.

PA pinups

Applications are now being accepted from all over the Keystone State for the annual Miss Pennsylvania USA Pageant to be staged this year for the fourth time in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, in the Grand Ballroom of the High Rise Howard Johnson's Hotel on March 4, 5, and 6, 1988. The Miss Pennsylvania USA Pageant is an official Miss USA - Miss Universe Contest.

There is no performing talent requirement, all judging is on the basis of poise, personality and beauty of face and figure. Entrants who qualify must be at least 17 years of age and under 25 years of age by February 1, 1989, never married, and at least a six months resident of Pennsylvania, thus college dorm students are eligible. All girls interested in competing for this prestigious title must write to: Miss Pennsylvania USA Pageant, Tri-State Headquarters, Dept. S, 347 Locust Avenue, Washington, Pa. 15301-3399 by December 23, 1987. Letters must include a recent snapshot, a brief biography and a phone number.

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Mind your P's and Q's

The ODK Instructors Classroom Etiquette Contest entries have been judged. The anonymous winning student author has already received his \$25 gift certificate to the Red Lobster and had this to say about the etiquette of one of his professors:

Is there anything worse than enrolling in a college course, only to be treated like a third grader by the professor? This is the case with a few of my classes, but moreso with one in particular. The situation might be acceptable, or at least tolerable, if the course was of any major importance. However, the majority of the students in this class are only there to earn three credits to satisfy those annoying BDR's. The class could actually be entertaining, but the teacher (in my opinion) is Hitler reincarnated.

On the very first day of class, the professor informed the students that he intended to make it as difficult as possible, because it generally isn't. Why? Well, you got me! He also proposed that we start class ten minutes earlier and leave ten minutes sooner than the official time scheduled. Hey, no problem with that, except while students have to uphold their end of this "bargain" (because the mighty professor takes role three times a class period to make sure that nobody arrives a few minutes late or skips out a few minutes early), the teacher finds it within his realm of power to lecture overtime. Also, upon the first meeting of the class, he proceeded to arrange 150 students in alphabetical order. (Welcome to the third grade—or the Third Reich, take your pick.) While reciting his ABC's, he neglected to save spaces for those students who were absent (and who, by the way, lost five points from their final grade because of it.) This creates great stress for a person seated anywhere within a ten seat radius of where the absent body's name was called. It is very possible you could be marked absent. Even totalitarians make mistakes.

What can be worse than these elementary rules? I can't think of anything that could insult my intelligence more...except maybe when the syllabus is passed out at the beginning of class, giving the student ample time to examine it, and the professor still feels that he needs to read all four pages of it word for word. Of course, maybe he felt that some of his regulations needed to be more clearly stated. I mean, I would never have believed that he was serious when he said that anyone who, at any time during the class, blocks the view of the other students, loses three points off of his total score. Woe to the person with "big hair."

Although faculty submissions were not judged, there were a couple of faculty concerns expressed:

—Students are basically well behaved in class. But as long as you asked, I do have two pet peeves:

1. Students' unwillingness to respond to simple yes or no questions — just a head nod one way or the other to show they are still tuned in would be appreciated.
2. Distracting apparel (i.e. wierd sayings on t-shirts, boxer shirts showing below gym shorts, etc.).

—The majority of Behrend's students are a delight to educate. There are, however, two or three "behaviors" which can be irritating to instructors. The first of these typically occurs on a Friday afternoon, about three hours before class, when the student wanders in to the instructor's office, questioning "Are we going to do anything important in class today?" Of course not! We never "do anything important" in class, especially on Friday afternoons.

The flip side of the above scenario takes place on Monday when the student who's missed Friday's class appears in the office to ask "Would you mind going over the material I missed Friday. I had a really important ride to State to participate in the sorority dunk-a-thon." Well, after all, priorities are priorities!

The last concern deals with student's concerns. How many times do we faculty walk behind a group of students who are voicing instantaneous teaching evaluations about the instructor they've just left? If there are complaints about teaching methods or tests, come on students, talk to us about them. We won't bite—or flunk you. Honestly. We might learn something. Or we might sign you up for the dunk-a-thon!