

# ROTC Goes To Georgia

By Joanne Kulp

On February 25, 126 Army ROTC cadets from Hazleton, Schuylkill, Lock Haven and University Park departed from Middleton Air Force Base in Harrisburg for Ft. Benning, Georgia.

For many cadets the trip involved their first time in an air plane. Although the flight was smooth, the cargo - type C130 did not show the luxury of a 707.

Georgia was said to be sunny and warm this time of the year. But to our unluck, there was an unusual cold spell making is believe that Pennsylvania has to be warmer. Fortunately on our last two days there, the temperature rose to 60 degrees providing an early glimpse of spring.

Our schedule was planned from formation at 0730 to fallout at 1700 hours. The first day involved a physical training test the weather report with the wind chill factor was -19 degrees and after we were done that the Army would have called off the test due to the cold. Later that afternoon was a compass training course through the Alabama woods this was Penn State's second chance to show that the Lions could come through and all 126 found their way out.

However the highlight of the trip came the next day when we were

taught to repel. Mostly everyone sampled the 20 ft. wall and some even ventured to the 50 ft. skid fall. After a quick prayer for reaching the ground safely, the thought was let's do it again. After this we were sent to tackle an obstacle and confidence course. (And some of the obstacles sure required a lot of confidence). One of the most infamous of the obstacles was the low crawl under the barbed wire. To make it interesting the trench included anywhere from 5 to 10 inches of water and mud. (Nice Georgia Clay). There is where Hazleton really seem to excell over Schuylkill. Other activities involved the observing of hand-to-hand combat of Ranger training and the 6th Airborne paratroop drop.

Then on February 28th, 126 treid, but satisfied cadets headed back to Pennsylvania to tell their stories of Army life.

Though the trip had a lot of hard work I'm sure most of those who went would say it was very enjoyable and an insight into Army life. For those who are unsure as to what after college try ROTC next year it can be interesting and a rewarding experience.

Also the ROTC students would like to thank Captain Goodwin and wish him good luck where ever he is stationed next year.

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# Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to a letter which appeared in your last issue. The letter referred to a person named "Son Thea." Most students in the Residence Hall realized who this "Mr. Thea" was. No matter what any person's feelings toward "Mr. Thea" were the letter should not have appeared in the Collegian to hold this person up to ridicule. I would ask that the person(s) who wrote the aforementioned letter write an apology to this person (this apology should appear in the Collegian) and to sign the letter this time.


Thank You,  
Bill Snyder  
President  
Residence Hall Council  
Marc Rovito  
President  
Student Gov't Assoc.

As Editor of the newspaper I'd like to reply to the above letter. Last issue the Letter to the Editor I saw one night on a students door. For this student, the way he seemed to feel and just as many others did, was expressed in the comical letter as many seem to refer to it as. I, as the Editor of the newspaper saw that this was the way some students felt, put the letter in the newspaper. Though many now felt the letter should have been signed, and would now like an apology from the author I feel that it is my responsibility to offer the apology.

In many ways I guess I do regret putting the letter in the paper because it has put the author in an awkward position plus it upset Mr. Shea and did not give him a chance. Yet at the time I truly believed that many students felt the way the author of the letter did.

People many times have judged others unfairly and as time goes on, may change their attitudes. Maybe this is the case in the Residence Hall. With each new coordinator the dorm changes basically due to the coordinators way of doing things.

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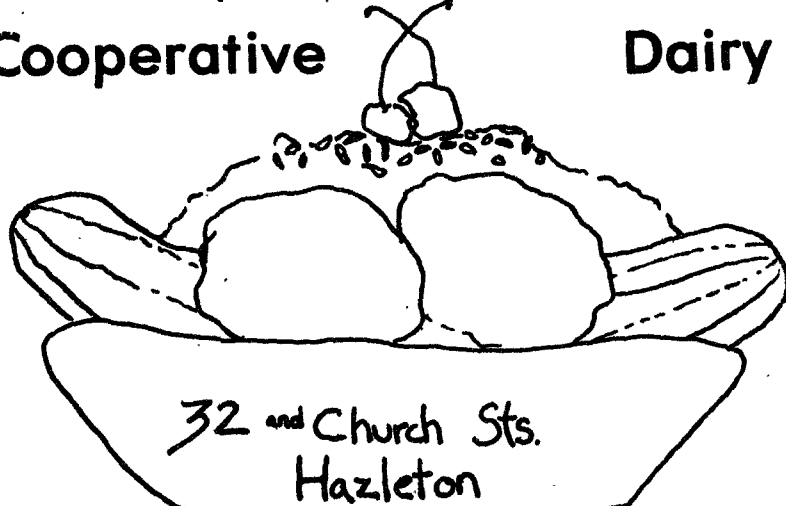


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