

well kept secret cont.

I imagine, is the ultimate key. Pride has always been over-emphasized in my family. In some Chinese families, to "lose" a daughter to a white man simply a fate worse than death. It isn't so much that they dislike or disrespect non-Chinese. Simply stated, it is a matter of keeping the blood pure. Though to me, my Michael is the most perfect man in the world, he is neither Chinese, nor what my parents would approve of, even if he were. You could say we're from the opposite sides of the tracks. He is significantly older than I; five years, to be exact.

While this may not sound like a large age difference, the gap lies in our lifestyles. While I am still in college, struggling to prepare myself for the "real world", he is already working in the real world, as an auto mechanic. While this doesn't mean that he is any less intelligent or any less capable of supporting a wife and family, somehow, I'm sure my parents wouldn't see it that way. So, for now, at least, he is my little secret.

Today is Valentine's Day, and as we sit on the bench, holding hands at our favorite park by the river, we discuss our plans for the evening. "I know, let's go to Atlantic City, for dinner and a show," he suggests, "That sounds nice, but expensive," I remind him. "Nothing is too expensive for you", he says. I smile at him contentedly. I know that whatever he has, be it little or much, is ours to share, and he would give it to me in an instant. The same is true for me, and I'm sure he knows that. I love Michael, and I know he loves me. As far as the future is concerned, we plan to marry someday, but not until my parents are gone to a place where they won't be able to witness it. It would simply hurt them too much for me to blatantly go against

tradition. I don't want to see the effect of my sister's marriage happen again. It was very painful for them, and though I don't agree with their values, I can't help but pity them. It wasn't her fault; and it wasn't their fault, either. I suppose it's like an unavoidable obstacle--similar to a mountain. In this case, it's the mountain made of centuries of the traditions of an entire race of people. For now, and for tonight, I'll have to lie and deceive my parents again. Perhaps someday, I'll be caught, and forced to make a choice between my family and my secret. Then, like my sister, I will have to painfully make a choice. But, for now, I'll just make up another story and be with my dearest Michael.

ROTC cont.

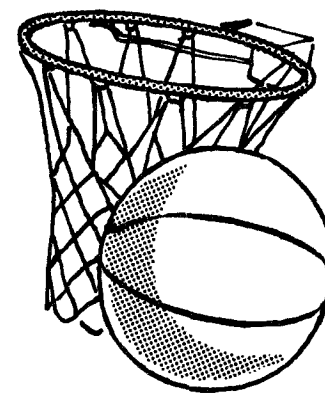
University Park. There, they will compete with ROTC students from all campus for the elite symbol of a beret and flash. Good luck! Also, there are many students preparing for the process of applying for the ROTC Scholarship. Good Luck to you all!

Along with those activities ROTC will be planning repelling trips, ski trips and possibly another helicopter trip. One activity which it is very proud of is the raising of the American Flag everyday, except rainy days assigned cadets take time out of their busy schedule to perform this special and honorable ceremony. The big event we are all looking forward to is the Awards Banquet on April 22, 1988 where outstanding cadets will be recognized for their time and effort to the program.

I would like to wish everyone luck and success with their programs and activities. Get involved! Remember: ROTC is what you make it!

by Gina Orrico

HOOPS CREW SCOOP



The Penn State Hazelton Basketball Season is now in full swing. After getting off to a sluggish start, the lions are now on the comeback trail. The Lions have won their last 3 games in a row versus Schuylkill, Berks and Schuylkill again.

At this point in our season our leading scorer is Jim Seamon (Captain of the team) averaging 18.5 points per game. Jim also leads the team in defensive rebounds with 5.61 per game. Freshman, Dave Reed leads the team with 3.24 offensive rebounds per game. Sophomore, Brian Cusatis is the leading assister with 5.22 per contest. Freshman, John DeLeon is the leader of the pack in shooting percentage with an average of 54.03%. Brian Uram, freshman guard, rounds off the five starters.

"Not having one star player means you don't put the pressure of scoring on an individual person and we have the potential to get double figures on a given night from any of the starters", says coach Caccese. We also have faith in our bench, they have helped us pull out a victory in key situations. With a league record of 4-3 there is still hope that the Hazelton Lions will have a chance at the championship game again this year. Penn State Hazelton will match-up against PSU Scranton on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 1pm. in Hazelton. Best of luck to the Lions Cagers!

by Michelle Noecker

BASEBALL... HAZLETON?

Baseball ???

Yes, there will be a baseball team on campus this year. The coach is Cy Falatko and he is looking for anybody who has a serious interest in playing hardball this semester. The team will be a skeleton

team that is going to play four or five doubleheaders on the weekends. There is no definite schedule yet. So if you are interested in playing some serious baseball please attend an orientation meeting on Monday Feb. 15 at 4:35 in P-106.