



These are the RA's for 1988.
Make sure you know who they are!

BECOMING AN RA

by Traci Fischer

An RA is an individual person, just like any other student on campus, with his/her own strengths, weaknesses, and problems. Most of all, an RA is a student with classes and assignments to accomplish, just like everyone else. When not acting as a student though, an RA has to act as a policeman and advisor some of the time, and a friend all of the time. An RA should have the understanding of and the sensitivity to human relations issues. He/She must demonstrate openmindedness, enthusiasm, and the willingness to accept a variety of lifestyles. The ability to work with individuals and a group is also an important quality, but most of all, the RA should have the ability to be responsible, a positive role model, to balance the student/RA role, and have the ability to effectively enforce the rules of the dorms.

To become an RA, there is a process one must follow; the first step is to submit an RA application. The second step is to schedule the Counseling Education 302 class. The class is

for the RA position at Penn State. In the class one will learn many techniques in dealing with a number of different people, problems, issues, and cultures. The class also assists in enforcing the duties and responsibilities of an RA. To name a few responsibilities, an RA has duty nights, on which he/she has to make rounds in the dorms, to make sure students are getting their rights and living up to their responsibilities. An RA must also plan and administer educational, cultural, and social programs. Most importantly, an RA must be a positive representative as a student advocate, an information giver, and a helper/counselor/and friend.

In the evaluation of applications, the supervisors look for all the qualities mentioned above, plus a successful completion of the CNED course, a grade point average of 2.25 or better, and good conduct standing with the University. In assessing all of the above, RA's are chosen fairly and responsibly. If you are wondering why someone would want to be an RA, there are many obvious

reasons. First of all, an RA receives free room and board, his/her own room, and \$100.00 off tuition. These benefits are all great, but it's the not-so-obvious ones that make the position so rewarding.

As an RA, I have gained the experience of being a leader, I have learned how to deal with people, I have become more responsible, I have learned how to make more careful decisions but most of all, I have met a variety of people whom I have become close to, and it is these rewards that I favor the most. I feel that these qualities will be carried with me throughout my life and they will help me to grow and expand into an even better person. After reading this article, I hope that some of you will be interested in becoming an RA. To anyone interested, I recommend the position highly. Anyone wanting an application will be made aware of how to obtain one at the end of the fall semester. If you feel you have the qualities to become an RA, and you want to be one, I say, "Go for it!"

Thank you Cathy & Shirley for all of your help.

Highacres Has A New Club!

The Society of the Arts is an organization for students who are interested in: the Arts, Films, Theater, and Photography.

Future events include student art exhibits, guest speakers, and a campus play. Become involved in the Arts--support is needed. For info. contact Tim Wong.

THANKS TO THE VISUAL ARTS CLUB FOR THE TERRIFIC HAZLETON ALL U-DAY BANNER!

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 have cool neighbors, you are obligated to invite those of us who don't to your parties. Ask your neighbors to call you if your making too much noise. Answer the door in person and kick out everyone who isn't recognized by anyone you trust. Start early and end early. Any party in full swing at 3am is hazardous to your health. If you have the space, don't use the front room at all. Keep all beverages out of sight from the front door. This will not work in Hazleton's arctic winters, but it's a good tip for summer parties at home: with the front room vacant hang something to block the view of the second room. Use an exhaust fan on the far side of the house and leave a window open in the front room. This takes care of the see not, smell not. If you take care of the hear not, it makes the probable cause to enter your dwelling that much harder. Lets see if this can be the semester without a bust, even though we have just attained fame for alledged hedonism.
 -- Law specs and "(1)" quotes supplied by: W. Hazleton Patrolman Brian Cara (age 22).
 -- Most tips: from a student guide on what to do when the police come to your house or apartment, available in the OTIS office.

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 ccess will eventually follow. Have confidence and let time take its course.

Best of luck, and I personally wish you a very educational and prosperous school year.