

Assassins take over campus

by Michele Sales

While walking around campus in late September, you might have heard such phrases as "So and so just died" or "I was almost killed." If taken in a literal sense, these statements might make you think that an escaped convict is lurking on campus. In reality, it's just students participating in "Assassin."

Assassin is a game played annually at the Penn State Hazleton Campus. The game, sponsored by OTIS, allows students to "get away with murder" while competing for cash prizes.

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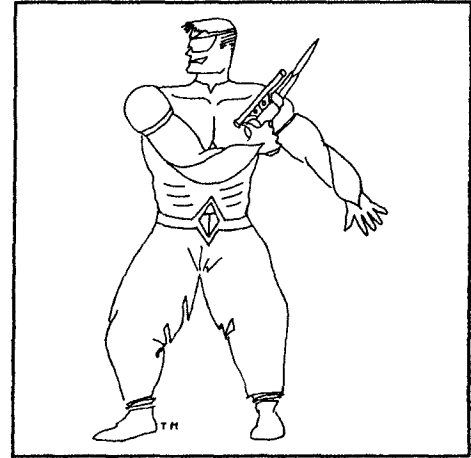
□ OTIS VP Jeff Harman

The object of the game is to stay alive

and eliminate your target (who is picked randomly) by shooting him with a water pistol. The game is played in three rounds, and has two main rules: You cannot play in the Kostos Building, club offices, or Residence Halls; and you should have as much fun as possible. Round 1 and 2 of the game involves trying to "assassinate" your target and not getting killed yourself. An important rule to remember in this round is this: If you see another competitor pull his gun out, you can kill the gunman regardless if he is your next target.

Round 3 usually involves very few people, and by this time, the game has escalated to full-scale war. Whoever comes up with the most kills in Round 3 wins the game and is crowned Assassin Champion.

The 1990 competition was stiff, but two winners finally emerged from the ranks. Coming in second was Tony



Bajor, whose prize was \$10.00, and the Assassin Champion was Tom Garrett, who received \$20.00.

"The Assassin game went really well this year," said OTIS vice president Jeff Harman. "I was pleased with the competition and I hope it goes just as well next time."

Blood drive to be held November 5

A blood drive will be held on Monday, November 5, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Phys Ed Building. In conjunction with the Red Cross, the Helping Hands club of PSU Hazleton is continuing the annual tradition of the "Penn State-Pitt Blood Challenge."

"I think it's a great idea," said Bill Henry, president of the Helping Hands club. Along with club advisors Juan Resario and Linda Felton, Henry is looking for a lot of volunteers to make the event a success.

According to Henry, the blood drive will focus on the rivalry of Penn State and Pitt as it has in the past. The goal for the blood drive is approximately 110 pints. However, Henry states that blood donors are not the only people necessary to win the fight against Pitt and blood shortage.

"We need people to help set up and to escort blood donors," Henry said. "An hour or two of help can make a big difference."

Anyone wishing to participate with the blood drive in any capacity can get in touch with Helping Hands at Room 108 in the Phys Ed building.

Learning center can help you

Students having difficulty reading a textbook, studying, or passing tests are more than welcome to go to the learning center for tutoring.

Elizabeth Kinslinger, coordinator of the learning center, said that anyone who wants to improve his or her grades is welcome to come in for tutoring.

"The learning center is here to help students in academic matters," said Kinslinger, who has worked at the Hazleton campus for four years.

She said a C student who would like to do B work could come in as well as a student who is in danger of failing.

When asked how tutors are selected, Kinslinger said, "At the end of the semester I send letters to professors asking them to recommend their best students. Then I write to those students asking them if they would tutor."

Tutors are paid by the university to help other students having difficulty with their classes. Arrangements are made between the tutor and the student

requesting help to meet at a certain time and place.

The learning center also has computer programs available to help students in various subject areas such as algebra and English.

Kinslinger noted that within the past few years she has learned that most students have trouble in physics, chemistry and math; however, she advises all students to visit the learning center if they want to form small study groups or work with a tutor.

The learning center, offered to students free of charge, is open on Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.