

ROTC: The Training, Pride Could Be Right For You

by Angela Deal

ROTC: it may be for you. As I spoke with Cadet Captain Rich Schaeffer, Ranger Commander, and Cadet Sergeant Chris Cowan, I sensed quite a bit of pride. As Schaeffer rolled off a plethora of "persuasive" constituents, I began to realize why I sensed what I had. When I approached the two cadets expecting to hear only of the militant aspects of the course, I received much more.

ROTC is a one credit course offered at Penn State University. The course consists of two elements, a class and a lab. In class students are given the opportunity to learn the basics of the military, of leadership, of discipline and skills. In the lab, the "hands-on" portion of the course, students learn to utilize the skills and leadership they learn in class. It is a smaller scale of the real Army and each class consists of two platoons.

In addition, there are two clubs which are offered as "depth" courses, so to speak. The first is the "Lion's guard," which concentrates on ceremonial events, marches and such. The second is the "Ranger" program, a field unit, which is considered to be more advanced and concentrates on such things as survival, repelling and scuba diving. Within each club one can excel and earn a beret; Lion's guards receive gray, and Rangers receive black. As Schaeffer says, "You've topped out at this point."

Schaeffer wears his black beret, as well as the uniform, with pride. "The beret is symbolic and the uniform has a history." It is a wide misconception on campus that if you are in ROTC, you have to wear your uniform all of the time. The only time a student is required to wear the uniform is to class and lab. Any other time is completely voluntary. After a while, you may find that you choose to wear the uniform all of the time. Many ROTC students feel "bold" and proud to wear their uniforms.

To be a part of the ROTC "family" you must be proud. As well as being very educational, ROTC is socially oriented. Cowan commented that, "when you are a freshman, it is a great way to meet people and feel immediately welcome." Within the course you are assigned a "Ranger buddy" with whom you will share mutual responsibilities.

You must take care of each other. As a result of these responsibilities and dedication, this "tightness," special friendships are made, contacts acquired and valuable lessons on how to communicate are learned.

Cowan and Schaeffer stressed a need for motivation as an ROTC student, as well as confidence and a positive attitude. "It's all in the mind," said Schaeffer.

As well as strengthening your mind, ROTC still offers more. It is important for you to know that after two years, or even four years, in ROTC there is no obligation to the Army. However, there are many scholarships which students can apply for. ROTC can be a financially helpful experience and is highly regarded in the professional world.

If you would like to find out more about ROTC, there will soon be an orienteering meet (compass course) and a picnic following, which will be open to the "public." ROTC will post dates and times.



Delco ROTC students gather for on-campus training.

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'10 Great Penn Staters' Brings Surprises

by Jennifer Darr

Do you know how old our library is? It's ten years old! I remember it just like it was yesterday when I used to go to summer camp in the woods right behind the Library/Learning Center building. The only thing that existed where this beautiful building now stands was grass, trees, and dirt. And now it's ten years old.

In honor of the building's birthday, a year long anniversary celebration is going on called "The Power of Ten."

The first in the series, presented on September 19, was called "Ten Great Penn Staters." Dr. Martin W. Sharp, Jr. gave us his version of the "ten great Penn Staters." Dr. Sharp is Assistant Professor of Education here at Delco campus. He has an M.A. and a B.A. from Glassboro State College; he received his Doctorate from Penn State University, and has been at our campus since 1969.

The first great Penn Stater, according to Dr. Sharp, is Evan Pugh. Evan Pugh became the first president of PSU when he took office in 1859. He was 31 years old. However, at that time our school was called the Pennsylvania Farmers

College. The reason Evan Pugh was chosen as the first great Penn Stater is because he "contributed greatly to the development of Penn State University." Unfortunately, Mr. Pugh only served a short term due to his death at the age of 36 in 1864.

The second great Penn Stater chosen was John Beaver White. Does that name sound familiar to you? It should. Beaver Stadium at University Park was named after him. White was an 1894 graduate of Penn State. After he graduated, he became the chairman of the Physical Education reorganization program, and he started the intramural sports program at Penn State. In 1926, he helped to establish the College of Physical Education and Health. John Beaver White was chosen because he contributed so heavily to the development of sports programs at Penn State.

The third great Penn Stater is not a direct graduate of Penn State. She was the President and CEO of a major paper company. Her name is Mary P. Behrend. She donated 50 million dollars to start the Behrend Campus. Behrend then became the first four-year college away from University Park.

Laura Murphy was chosen fourth because she was one of the first women to receive a Ph.D. from Penn State University. Her degree was in Early Childhood and Development.

As the fifth great Penn Stater, Milton Eisenhower reorganized the structure of higher education. During the early 1950's, Milton Eisenhower was president of Penn State. During that time, he elevated a variety of schools to colleges, for example, the school of education of Penn State became the college of education of Penn State.

The president that followed Eisenhower was Eric Walker. He was chosen as the sixth great Penn Stater by Dr. Sharp. Eric Walker's question was, "Why not set up a variety of campuses for the people?" So, he set up the commonwealth campuses of Penn State. He also arranged the funding for the Her-

shey Medical Center.

Another Penn Stater who was quite significant in the development of Penn State was Ken Holderman. He was the Vice-President of the Commonwealth campuses. He was involved in the controversial development of our own Delaware County campus.

The eighth choice made by Dr. Sharp is not just one person, but the faculty, students and staff at the college of Arts and Architecture during the summer of 1967. They created an Arts Festival that takes place every summer at University Park. That whole group was chosen because they contributed greatly to the development of the Arts program at Penn State.

John Capuletto, who is from this area, was the ninth to be chosen. He is a national figure in sports and is a Heismann trophy winner. He was also involved with Penn State.

The tenth great Penn Stater to be chosen was Guy Beauford. He was one of the first black astronauts. His achievements gave national visibility to the college of Engineering at Penn State.

Although we could all probably devise our own list of great Penn Staters, it was interesting to hear one man's point of view. I learned some interesting facts about the history of our school that were unknown to me before. Take Beaver Stadium, for instance; I would still think that it was named after the animal! And, did you know that Delaware County Campus used to be one room on top of a roller rink in Chester?

"The Power of Ten" series has started out to be very exciting and there are many more programs to come throughout the school year. Don't miss the next one on October 18! It is titled "Ten Little Indians, That Ten O'Clock Scholar, St. Augustine, and Anne + Affair: Past and Present Tens in Poetry," which is being presented by Dr. Sibyl Severance. November 14 will bring "The Hollywood Ten" by Dr. Adam Sorokin.

Media Project Captures Campus Events On Film

by Fran Donato

This poor unfortunate student suffers from a common and often untreated disease of the mind. More and more college students have reported having the most common symptom of this disease every day of their sorry lives. The disease: CREATIVITY; the symptom: the IDEA. Fortunately, Penn State's diseased minds have come together on this campus and brought forth a *painless remedy*.

We like to call it the Media Project. A simplified description would be a video

camera club, but the video cameras are nothing without the people to work them, and the good ideas to create original video productions. Any people and/or any good idea (within legal limits) are needed to get the Media Project off its tri-pods this year.

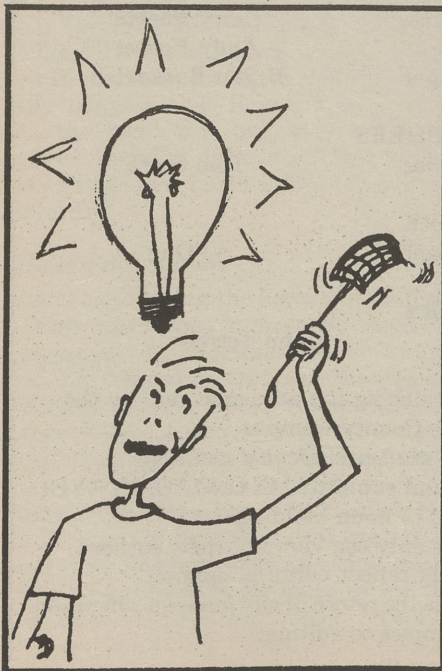
Right now, our "diseased minds" are thinking out a news program of sorts. And, of course, someone will most likely be at all the major activities on campus to capture the moments on film that may be immortalized in a video yearbook that would be on sale to the students at its completion.

Since the Media Project is an official club, the student government gives us an adequate budget and voting power at all student government executive board meetings. At our open club meetings (every Friday at 12:30 in room 112, LLC), we will be deciding on when, how and where these and other things will come together. If you would like to get involved in any way at all, please attend a meeting or ask about it in room 128 LLC (Instructional Services — the room with the annoying beeper on the door).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE!

Learn about the legal aspects of domestic violence and child custody on November 5 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 307. Main Building.

Suzanne Noble, from the Chester County Legal Assistance office will be the speaker.



All U-Day '90 Offered Main Campus Excitement

by Judith R. Belson

Friday, September 21 to Sunday, September 23, was All U-Day Weekend. People from Penn State campuses all over Pennsylvania attended this popular annual event. Not only students, but parents, faculty, alumni, and other interested visitors attended the events unique to Penn State.

The special high point of the weekend was the Penn State-Rutgers football game. The score was Penn State 28, Rutgers 0. Sports fans from all over the country came to cheer on the team of their choice (particularly Penn State!). There was also a banner contest, in which all the commonwealth campuses

created a banner showing their Penn State spirit from their campus.

Lots of interesting events also occurred at All U-Day Weekend. It was a great deal of fun for everybody who participated. Little children, students of all ages, parents, and elderly people alike thoroughly enjoyed themselves. If you missed this great opportunity, don't worry; there's always next year. Or, you can always go up to Main Campus to see one of the many sports games or art exhibits held there throughout the year.

A special thanks to Chuck McCarthy, SGA, and the Campus Ambassadors for selling and distributing tickets and arranging bus transportation.