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Delco's ROTC Program Offers Mental, Physical Challenges

by Peggie Cahall

Penn State Delco houses many clubs and organizations. One aspect of Delco is the ROTC Program. What exactly is ROTC? The Reserve Officers Training Corps Program uses a "Progression Method". The basic course introduces the national defense structure, leadership theory and land navigation. Junior and Senior year exposes one to training in advanced leadership, operations and tactics, Army administration and Military Justice. It is also to commission second lieutenants for service in the Army. The program is designed to expose one to the Army.

Captain Mavracick was very enthusiastic about the ROTC program here at Delco. "We focus on organized cadet chain commands. Students plan the training. Master Sergeant Wilder and I are here to help and instruct. The students are largely responsible for the activities and programs."

Many people have misconceptions about the ROTC program. Being involved in ROTC doesn't make you government property unless you choose to peruse a career in the Army. "Our students vary from ones with no interest in the Army to 'Rambo types'. Our 'Rambo's don't always last because it's not what they expected," said Mavracick. "Here we teach you the right way to do things. We are not the recruiters from High Schools; we're here,

obviously, to get people interested and if it fits them a career in the Army.

Although ROTC is a college credit, which can be taken with any major, because it is an elective; there are also weekend survivals, rappelling, mountaineering, and patrolling. One can experience these things in the Ranger Company. The Lion's Guard is a precision drill team. One Can take up to six college credits without any obligation to the U.S. Army. There are four three and two year scholarships available on a competitive basis.

Captain Mavracick, himself, started in ROTC. "What did ROTC do for me? It lead me to a career in the Army. I have been on active duty for 10 years. I think, if nothing else, ROTC will teach you about yourself."

Uniforms are required by Freshman to labs, by Sophomores to classes and to labs. "I think any one in any branch of the Armed Forces would agree that while in uniform it should be worn neatly and properly."

"If I had to describe ROTC in one word it would be 'Challenging' because that's what it is. It challenges you to do things you normally wouldn't do, challenges you mentally and physically," answered Captain Mavracick. ROTC is a college credit but I'm sure that after reading this you will agree, it is also a way for us, as students, to broaden our horizons.

Any one who needs to discuss ROTC further can stop by the ROTC Building, near the cafeteria, I'll be glad to answer any questions." Captain Mavracick said.

"What would I say to anyone who is considering ROTC at Penn State? Try it! That's the only way. If you don't like it, at least you gave it a shot."

State Reps Want Schools to Reveal Finances

Colleges and universities that receive direct state appropriations would be required to make their financial records open to the public under legislation overwhelmingly passed by the State House of Representatives in June.

The legislation would amend the state's Right-to-Know Act to include state-related universities, as well as several state-aided schools that receive non-preferred appropriations each year. The Commonwealth's fourteen state-owned universities and the state's thirteen Community Colleges already make their records public.

The state-related institutions are Penn State, the University of Pittsburgh, and Temple and Lincoln Universities. State-sided schools

include Drexel University, the University of Pennsylvania, The Medical College of Pennsylvania, Hahnemann Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, James Michener Arts Center, Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Pennsylvania University of the Arts, Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

"If state government is going to continue to be asked a to provide

hundreds of millions of dollars annually to support these schools," said Rep. Ron Cowell, "it is only fair and reasonable that all taxpayers and their representatives have easy access to information about how the money is spent."

Survey Profiles Campus Criminals

A recent survey of college students reveals which ones are most likely to be perpetrators or victims of rape and other campus crimes.

Those who are likely to be victims tend to smoke, drink more than usual and use illicit drugs, be slightly older, be a fraternity or sorority member, own a car, have a job, and live off campus, according to the Towson State University researchers.

Those who are most likely to commit the crimes tend to be even heavier users of drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes, are males, athletes, or fraternity members, and have slightly lower grades than the average student.

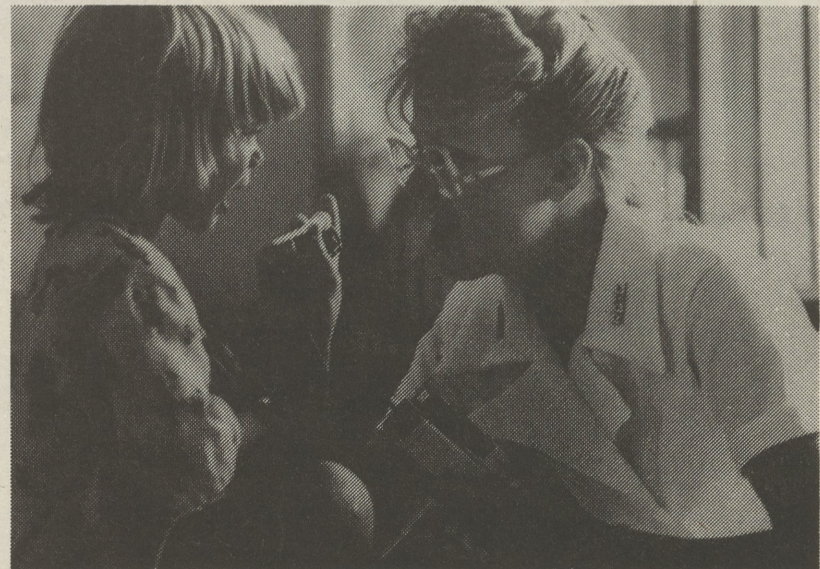
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