

PSU ROTC: They're Looking for a Few Good Students

By Amy Hurley
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This year with a greater number of freshmen than ever before, the United States Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) is actively seeking recruits at Penn-State Delaware County Campus. There are signs up all over campus advertising the benefits of enlisting with a number to call for more information.

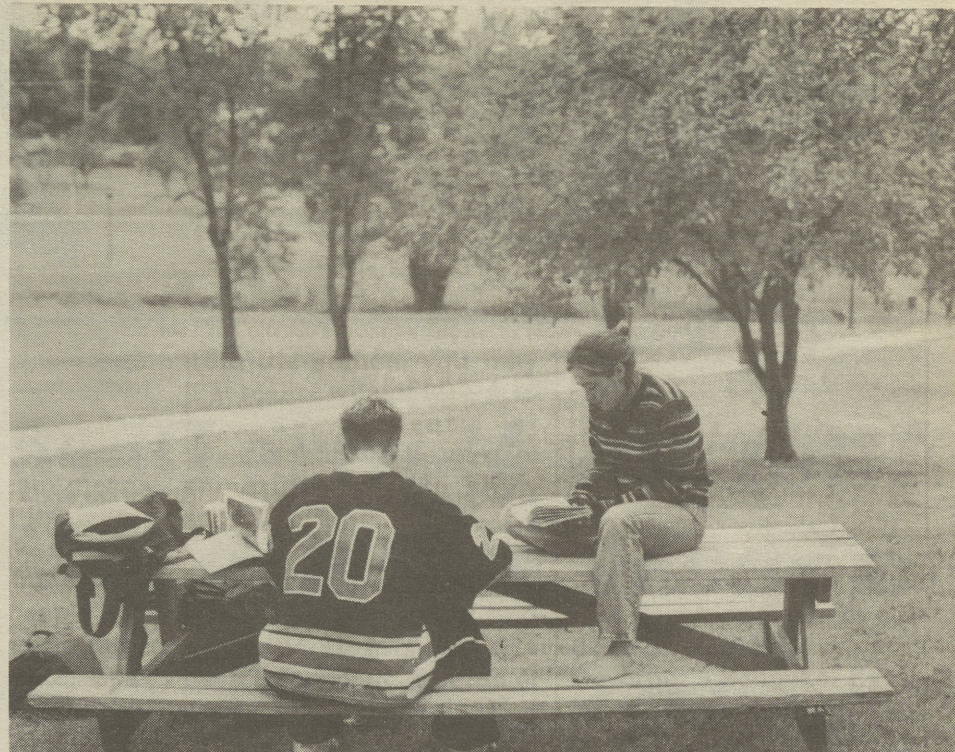
Captain David Limmer of the Widener branch office of the ROTC is in charge of recruiting freshman from this campus as well as other colleges. He said that the marked increase in the size of the freshman class prompted the ROTC to actively recruit here. The ROTC is a four-year plus program so it is better to start cadets right out of high school or in their first year of college if pos-

sible.

Limmer said the recruitment effort started at this campus at the beginning of the summer, and ten Penn-State Delco students have become cadets. To these cadets, the Army offers merit-based scholarships and a \$1500 annual "allowance" for those who qualify.

Limmer said, "There will always be a need for second lieutenants and we are always looking for new recruits." As for desirable traits in ROTC cadets, Limmer said the Army looks for, "...Motivation and the desire to excel and lead" in its cadet recruits.

For anyone who is interested in more information or joining the Army ROTC, classes meet Thursdays in Main 218 from 4-6 pm or you can call the Widener Army ROTC recruiting office at 499-4097.



Two students study during common hour, continuing to make Penn State a top 50 school.
Photo by Tracey Dinh

PSU Ranks Above Many in National Rankings

By Sarah Stover
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In the *U.S. News and World Report* 1999 exclusive college rankings, Penn State made the top 50. Moving up one from 45 to 44, Penn State has shown strength in such categories as the freshman retention rate (93%) and in the academic score (3.0 out of 5.0).

In their August 31st issue, *U.S. and World Report* states that currently there are 228 National Universities in the county (147 of them public and 81 private) based upon categories developed by the Carnegie Foundation. Penn State, along with all other National University, was catalogued by "key measures of quality." Among the most significant were the graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, and academic reputation. But does all this really add up to a fair and accurate poll?

Gerhard Casper, the president of Stanford, wrote to *U.S. News* that "much about these rankings, particularly they're specious formulas and spurious precision, is utterly misleading." Stanford tied for fourth place in the survey with the national

universities.

Closer to home, Penn State Delco's Campus Executive Officer, Edward S.J. Tomezsko, was asked about the recent poll. He stated that "the questions asked (in the survey) are good ones..."

While the survey as a whole represented all of Penn State and its many campuses, Tomezsko expressed his pride in Penn State's achievements emphasizing the particular strengths in our Delco campus. "I think our university really works hard in making the environment comfortable for students."

In addition, Tomezsko talked about Delco's smaller class sizes, smaller faculty, and he also remarked that the survey "is a tool...not necessarily the best tool, but it is a tool..." He then went on to say that the poll should be combined with many other factors that accompany college choices.

Universities and colleges have in the past and will continue in the future to use rankings to place students in perspective, so why not rank the rankers? The survey itself as *U.S. News* explained, is meant to be a guide...so use it wisely.



Freshmen, ever hear of car pooling?

Photo by Tracey Dinh

SGA President Focuses on Student Activities

By Rob Coyle
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The Student Government Association (SGA) recently kicked off the new school year with SGA President, Marty Ranalli, at the helm. Most of the meeting was devoted to the clubs, with topics ranging from procedures the clubs should follow to money awarded for being represented at freshman orientation.

Two new clubs have been started on campus this year and are both looking for members. A new Islamic club is underway, and if interested you can see Veno Leigertwood for more information.

The other new club is a swing club (you know, the Gap commercial). This will be run by Marty

Ranalli, so if you are interested in flipping people through the air, go see Marty.

Here are some upcoming events on campus:

The bi-annual Red Cross blood drive will take place on Monday, Oct. 5, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. See Raquel Arrendando or your club president, if interested.

Family Day is Saturday, Oct. 24 and is tentatively scheduled to run from noon to 4 p.m. Parents and students are invited to come out and enjoy the food, music, and activities planned by the different student organizations here on campus.

SGA meetings are held every other Monday during common hour, and all students and faculty are welcome to attend.

**ALLOCATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, 9/15/98, 3:45 P.M.**

All Students Are Welcome

We Are Discussing:

New Members

98-99 Budget

New Proposals