

ROTC makes awards

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Army ROTC cadets learned yesterday that it is no longer an insult to say, "Your mother wears combat boots." It may become a fact of life.

Major Marion Davis, Woman's Army Corps officer, traveled to State College from Fort Bragg, N. Carolina to present several awards to University students enrolled in the ROTC Army program.

Among awards presented were: Distinguished Military Student, Military Proficiency, Academic Achievement, Run for your life (for running 50 miles and multiples of 50) and the most important, the Department of the Army ROTC Scholarships.

Recipients of three-year scholarships were Kay Yeakley (4th-education), Curtis Smith (4th-accounting) and Bruce Petrovic (4th-landscape architecture). Those receiving two-year scholarships are Lori Sandercock (7th-biology) and Keith Marass (7th-political science).

Major Robert Morrell, recruiting officer at Penn State, said, "The diversity of majors of our scholarship winners indicates the diversity of the Army. We need people with any and all sorts of training."

Davis said the selection process for the scholarships is rigorous. Applicants pass through two screening com-

mittees which evaluate grades, extracurricular activities and athletic participation. Scholarships include full tuition, books, fees and \$100 per month.

It is tougher for women to enter ROTC and obtain scholarships than for men, Davis said.

"The WAC has always been smaller, and consequently more selective," she said.

Davis presented the awards at a ceremony attended by ROTC students and directors. Colonel Clifford T. Kirkwood, ROTC commander at Penn State, said although America hates war, the nation must always be prepared for unforeseen problems.

"ROTC is a vital part of that preparation," he concluded.

Davis presented the awards and spoke about the opportunities for women in the Army. "The Army has been an equal opportunity employer for years — equal pay, status and privileges," she said.

She told women ROTC cadets that equality will now be extended further. Women will be required to attend the physically rigorous Advanced Summer Training Camp along with the men.

Davis said the only possible effect of the Equal Rights Amendment on the Army is to raise the question of battle duty for women. Currently, women are not allowed to train or serve in combat areas.

Sharp crime increase continues

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A sharp upturn in serious crime which began a year ago has continued at least through the first half of 1974, the FBI reported yesterday.

The FBI's second quarterly report for this year showed the crime level for the first six months was up 16 per cent from the same period in 1973 on the basis of reports received from state and local officials.

The FBI said a drop in crime which occurred in 1972 — the first in 17 years — extended into 1973 but went into a gradual reverse in midyear. In the last 1973 quarter, it shot up 16 per cent and has been rising ever since.

"I think the most disturbing part of these figures is the fact that ... it is crimes of violence that have increased most sharply," Attorney General

William B. Saxbe said. He cited two possible causes — violence on televisions and the fact that "a lot of people think they can get away with crime and they do."

Commenting on the FBI report at a news conference, Saxbe said he can do nothing about people watching television. "If that's what sells soap that's what they'll watch," he said.

But he said he is taking steps to "turn around" the idea that people can get away with serious crimes. He said he is shifting funds from police financing to finance faster, concentrated prosecution of "career criminals."

Saxbe said 80 per cent of persons convicted of felonies "never wind up serving a day in prison."

His model for making punishment a bigger deterrent is a Major Offense

Bureau in New York city's Bronx borough which has been operating 15 months on federal grants. By giving trial priority to 10 per cent of the worst cases, the bureau has achieved a 97 per cent conviction rate and succeeded in boosting the average sentence in felony cases from two years to eight years.

This compares to the record of New York city at large in which only 900 felony cases went to trial during one recent period out of 100,000 arrests.

"They are just slipping through the cracks," Saxbe commented.

The FBI report showed the areas of most danger from violent crimes are shifting from inner cities to the suburbs and rural areas. Suburban crime was reported up 21 per cent, rural crime up 19 per cent.

Japanese hold whale memorial

TOKYO (AP) — To a dirge of bamboo flutes and gongs a Japanese fishing company held a memorial service yesterday for the 1,861 whales it caught during the 1973-74 Antarctic whaling season.

The killing of whales is a subject of international

controversy. Japan and the Soviet Union, the two remaining large-scale whaling nations, have been accused by conservationists of bringing the world's biggest mammal to the brink of extinction.

Later Kota Hoketsu, the

president of Kyokuyo Co., such service held by the Japan's second largest whaling firm and sponsor of the "hojoe" or memorial service, freed dozens of pigeons in symbolic release of the souls of the whales and other sea life caught by the company.

Hoketsu, a former diplomat, said this is the 17th

company since 1957. In this way, he said, he and his employees express respect for the whales they catch and market.

He called whaling "a necessary evil" to insure an important source of food for the protein-poor Japanese people.

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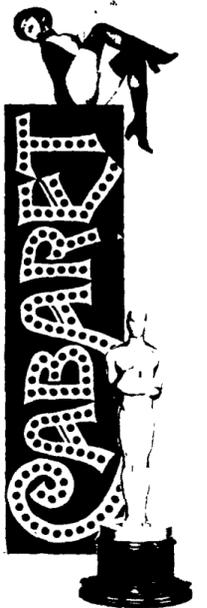
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