

ROTC conducts winter survival exercises

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Sixteen cadets from Behrend's ROTC Ranger Club and 13 cadets from Gannon University's ROTC Raider Club conducted joint winter survival exercises this weekend at Wilderness Lodge on Weeks Road south of I-90.

The cadets, clad in camouflage uniforms and hefting heavy green backpacks, had the opportunity to practice leadership skills in a cold weather environment during land navigation exercises, patrols, and mock attacks against each other with blank-firing M-16 rifles and M-60 machine guns.

The annual winter survival exercise pitted the two college ROTC clubs against each other as opposing forces in the chilly two day event, highlighted with attacks on each other's patrol bases in the rugged, dense forest.

"We destroyed them completely," said Cadet Captain Andy McConnell, Commander of the Behrend Ranger Club.

At about 8 pm on Saturday the Gannon cadets, confused by two look-outs and a sniper positioned in front of the Behrend defensive patrol base, attacked the wrong target and were quickly defeated in a counter-attack

launched by the Rangers.

McConnell, a senior at Behrend majoring in political science and history, said that Gannon's reconnaissance patrol, sent out earlier to locate the Behrend patrol base, became lost and ran into the look-out and sniper position by mistake at about 4 pm.

"The Gannon patrol drew fire from our look-out position, withdrew, and reported back to their patrol base that they had found our base, when in fact they hadn't," McConnell said.

Acting on the faulty information, the Gannon Raiders made the 8 pm attack on the look-out position instead of the patrol base, where the majority of the Behrend Rangers were assembled.

The rangers quickly formed up in a line and moved into position to counter-attack. Firing blanks from their automatic weapons the Behrend cadets charged through the aggressors, overrunning and defeating the Gannon Raiders.

Captain James E. McCarthy, the Professor of Military Science at Behrend, was pleased with

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Erie council sponsors condom card sale during AIDS awareness week

Proceeds to benefit Erie AIDS patients

by Monica Michel
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The AIDS issue is being reckoned with at Behrend.

The AIDS Council of Erie County is sponsoring a greeting card sale, each card accompanied with a condom. The cards sell for \$1.50, with the proceeds benefitting AIDS patients in the Erie community.

Logos and condoms on the cards are trying to promote "safe

sex". Council members are approaching the condom issue in a light, funny manner.

This sale is in association with AIDS Awareness Week. Educating people in the Erie community, especially college students, is a major goal of the Council.

For every thousand students on the typical college campus, five to eight students have a good possibility of testing positive to AIDS, according to

Patty McMahon, nurse practitioner at the Health Center.

Dr. Richard Keeling, an AIDS research expert from the University of Virginia, will be at Behrend to give a lecture April 17. Emphasis will be placed on the most recent AIDS findings and individual's responsibility to prevent the disease.

Dr. Keeling hopes to put an end to the myths of AIDS and teach prevention on college campus's.

Counterfeit money discovered in Backroom change machine

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Campus police applied an air splint to the injury and arranged to have the patient transported by Brookside to Hamot Medical Center.

Also on Saturday, a resident student reported neck and back injuries received while playing basketball in Erie Hall. According to Hoffman, the student was injured when hit from behind by another player. She reported experiencing nausea and dizziness. The department referred her to an outside medical facility for treatment, and transportation was provided by another student.

A female resident student reported receiving a harassing phone call shortly after midnight, February 6. According to Hoffman, the call involved insulting remarks and was made from an off-campus location. A second call, involving heavy breathing, was reported at 5:30 am. No subsequent calls have been reported, and the investigation is continuing.

Officers confiscated a Marlin .44 magnum rifle with scope and sling which was brought on campus in violation of university rules and regulations. The weapon was found in a rack inside a pick-up parked in the

Reed Lot at 5:30 am, Wednesday, February 7. Officers entered the vehicle through an unlocked door and removed the rifle. Hoffman reported the vehicle belonged to a non-student visiting on campus. The department notified the owner, and returned the weapon to him when he was leaving the campus.

A commuter student reported that the lug nuts on his vehicle's right side were loosened while the vehicle was parked in Lot C on Thursday, February 8. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

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