

YOU GET IT WEEKLY

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Profiles

By Rita The Rangerette



This is the first of a continuing series of articles acquainting everyone with the Headquarter Honeys, alias the occupants of No-Light City. This week's top billing goes to Margie Rockenfield and Sue Van Corp.

Although first year Rangers, this dynamic duo was known to appear mysteriously at Apache Springs in '71 and has somehow or other managed to make their presence known to the rest of the ranch for four previous years.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, these two have not confined themselves to the U.S. In August of '71, Margie traveled to South America with Peru as her base. Officially she was a Student Ambassador. Unofficially...of her vast experience, Margie has this to say: "Being friendly will help to get you anywhere."

Now to the other traveler. In the summer of '72, Sue flew to Ghana, West Africa via Italy (but of course), accompanied by her trusty Scout backpack. Her mission was to research the textile industry for her University. Of her experience Sue has this to say: "Philmont isn't the only place in the world with a license on behind-the-bush latrines."

Margie will be a junior at New Mexico State in Forest Biology and Geography and Sue will endure Iowa State until February when she will receive a degree in Textiles and Clothing-Fashion Design.

Well guys, keep your eyes open....for another one next week!

It only took a week for irate reactions to reach the editors of the staff newsletter... for FORTUNATELY...most readers of the Staff Shaft were incensed over the above article and

proclaimed that their women staff cohorts and companions deserved much more respect as FULL_FLEDGED members of the Philmont summer staff.

In the next issue of the Staff Shaft on June 21, 1973, the "Assassination of Rita the Rangerette" was announced. Much more could have been said in the Staff Shaft, perhaps about certain terms that work to belittle the person so described and pronounce a lower sort of rank applicable only to females.

The fact that the title "Rangerette" was seriously considered by the Philmont HQ managers in 1972 is alarming and scary, even today.

UNWAVERING RESPECT for each other, above all else, should be a constant mantra.

Editorial
Assassination of Rita the Rangerette

The article about two of the new girl Rangers in last week's STAFF SHAFT received a lot of negative comment from staff members, and it was gratifying to learn that quite a few of them were males. Many of you will remember last year how Nancy Wells and Kathy Leach fought to bury the nickname of "Rangerette", and be accepted as full-fledged Rangers capable of handling the responsibilities of any Ranger. Those of us who remember are distressed to see the return of phrases such as Rangerettes and HQ Honeys. These titles are not conducive to the excellent job we expect from these capable women. We hope the whole camp is ready to support these new Rangers and will provide encouragement whenever possible to make their performance as successful as it should be.

In order to preserve the philosophy of equality that this article reflects, the STAFF SHAFT has agreed to interview any new interesting staff member, not just the girls in camping department.