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Presidential Proxy Debate At Penn State Harrisburg

On Thur, Nov. 2, with little more than 24 hours notice, an impressive crowd of students, faculty and staff took time from their schedules to attend a presidential proxy debate. The event was organized by The League of Women Voters of Hershey and the PSH Student Government Association. The debate planning began weeks ago, but according to League of Women Voters Project Manager for Campus Voter Registration and Participation Christine Walsh, promotion of the event pended final confirmation from participants.

Debating for their party's presidential candidates were Dauphin County Commissioner and member of the Democratic State Committee Anthony Petrucci for Vice President Al Gore; Pennsylvania Senator for the 15th District Jeffrey Piccola for George W. Bush; Michael Morrill, Green/Labor Alliance, for Ralph Nader; Pa. State Chairman of the Buchanan 2000 campaign Bill Rovotti for Patrick J. Buchanan; and Chairman of the Constitutional Party National Committee Jim Clymer for Howard Phillips.

Candidates responded to prepared questions from PSH students Jennifer Ditzler, Jonathan Tangara, Jared Grissinger and Russell John-Baptiste.

The Nader proxy impressed Ditzler. "He raised my consciousness about what the different candidates stand for," she said. Ditzler sees little difference between the Democratic and Republican candidates. However, she will vote for Gore. "Bush scares me on the abortion issue," she admitted. "If the race wasn't so close, I would probably vote for Nader," Ditzer added.

Benjamin Yoffee, another public policy senior, also came to the debate with his choice made. He'll vote for Bush. "I had my mind made, but it was nice to have information on both sides," Yoffee said. Yoffee added that the debate will help him talk to other people more effectively. He believes the biggest issue of the election is "govenment involvement in an individual's life." Yoffee believes the Republican party has "more faith in people making choices for themselves." He found the Green party "more on the left of the Democratic ticket," but was unimpressed with the Constitutional party platform.

Student questions covered such issues as women's participation in American political and economic life, voter turnout among 18 to 24 year olds, racial tension and violence on college campuses, and the financial future of 18 to 30 year olds.

The crowd dispersed slowly more than two hours after the debate started. Students loyal to various parties distributed literature and bumper stickers in Olmsted's hallways.



Proxy Debate at Harrisburg

Northwest Caucus Helps Habitat for Humanity

By Tony Pomicter

On Saturday, Nov. 18, four representatives of the northwest caucus (Beaver, Behrend, DuBois, and Shenango) came together to help a family in the DuBois community. The representatives of the Behrend College, were unable to attend due to a sudden snowfall, but they were present in spirit.

Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. approximately 20 students from the three campuses, along with 3 students from University Park, went to work for the Habitat for Humanity organization to aid in the digging out of the basement and the placing of the main support beam in a house that is currently under construction in the DuBois area.

With the assistance of Dr. John Farr (Professor, Physics, DuBois), the rather inexperienced students went to work with shovels and buckets, digging the basement out an extra five inches: no easy task. The basement was approximately 6.5 feet deep when the group arrived. All the dirt had to be removed by hand, leading Jonathan Miller (Junior, HDFS, Shenango), the tallest of the group, to a pair of sore arms. The man with the experience was Marshall Chriswell (Senior, HDFS, Shenango), who aided the group when they placed the main support beam for the structure. The wooden beam was over 20 feet in length and weighed a few hundred pounds.

Upon removal of the five inches of dirt from the soon-to-be basement, DuBois campus food service coordinator, Polly Reed, provided everyone with a cafeteria full of food. Everyone in attendance had a great lunch and took the opportunity to get better acquainted with one another.

Special thanks to everyone who helped from the Habitat for Humanity organization and the community of DuBois:

Name	Major	Year	Location
Steve Bearfield	Business Administration	Senior	DuBois
Jim River	IST	Junior	Beaver
Lucas Walters	Turf grass Science	Freshman	Beaver
Jessica Plowey	Sp/Elementary Education	Sophomore	Shenango
David Quintanilla	HDFS	Junior	Shenango
Jonathon Miller	HDFS	Junior	Shenango
Katherine Kolosky	Elementary Education	Freshman	Beaver
Jason Clinger	Chemical Engineering	Freshman	DuBois
Sheri Putt	Business Administration	Sophomore	DuBois
Mary Peterson	Broadcast Journalism	Freshman	DuBois
Ashley King	Business Administration	Junior	University Park
Kathie Kramer	Psychology	Senior	University Park
Marshall Chriswell	HDFS	Senior	Shenango
Dr. John Farr	On Site Coordinator		DuBois
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High Speed Low Drag

By Tim Van Doren.

Worthington Scranton location is putting the computer fee into good use. Over the winter break, the computer lab at the campus was equipped with 42 new computers. These machines are nothing more than smoking, high-speed, low-drag units.

Computers include Pentium III, 1.0 Gig hertz Processor, 256 MB RAM, CDRW's (which should be working soon), Sony Trinitron Monitors, 250 MB Zip drives, 15 GB Hard-Drives.

Computer fee funds also purchased 4 more computers for the Physics Lab.

Worthington Scranton location now has the most up-to-date computer lab around Penn State.

In order to create this wonderful renovation, Rob Notari worked with a group of IST majors, along with Mike Gulbin, Joe Kuhar, and Mike Fecina.

The Computer Expense Committee will be meeting again soon to take a look at what else the campus could use. Student representatives for the committee are Tim Van Doren, Frank Walsh, and Jonathan Paul.

This wonderful addition is creating a better learning environment for students of all majors.



Battle of the Bands at Altoona

By: Bridget L. Dougherty

The lights dimmed, screams and cries exploded, and in the darkness notes of a battle set the event into motion. The event? — The Battle of the Bands.

This second annual event brought bands to the Penn State Altoona College ranging from Erie to New Jersey. Unlike four bands last year, this year participation increased to seven. Held in Penn State Altoona's Adler Gymnasium on Sat, Nov 11, the event began at 6pm with a "good crowd," said Jeff Dietz, the coordinator of the event and the Life House Resident Assistant. "I was proud of the work that the Life House people did. The show was overall a success and the bands were better than I could have imagined."

The event was sponsored by the Life House and funded by the Student Activity Fee. Featured acts included Sincerely Timothy, Project Reconnect, T.W.I.T.C.H., Sevins Road, Fleetwood Mike, Rezolution and a special appearance by 9 Lb. Hammer as the closing band, who were all competing for prizes from Mystic Music Jam, in Altoona, and the Wall. The majority of the music performed was original, but a few cover songs mixed in. As Kathleen Rugg, a Life House resident, declared, "All of the bands did an awesome job and I was impressed!" However, as in all battles there can only be one victor and this battle came down to only a few points. In the end though, Fleetwood Mike came in third, Sincerely Timothy in second place, and that Saturday evening's victor was Sevins Road.

With another successful year of The Battle of the Bands past, plans for next year are underway. The Life House wants to expand the event and get it out into the community. As big of a success as it was this year, they are sure that next will be even better. Those who attended it will always remember this unforgettable evening.



First Place Winner at the Battle of The Bands

NYU Graduate Students Win the Right to Join an Organized Union

National Student News Service

(NSNS)- Graduate students at New York University won their fight to unionize, when the National Labor Relations Board ruled that private college and university teaching assistants, graduate assistants, and research assistants are employees who have the right to negotiate contracts, making NYU the first private university in the country to have a graduate student union.

"The graduate students [at NYU] wanted to unionize to have a voice in our working conditions," said Kimberly Johnson, a graduate student at NYU and an organizer for the Graduate Student Organizing Committee of the United Auto Workers (UAW). "We think we should have a voice."

Graduate students asked the school's administration for a vote to unionize last spring, but the administration held up the counting of those ballots until the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) had ruled that teaching assistants, graduate assistants, and research assistants are employees of the university.

"The administration doesn't want the graduate students to unionize because it puts us on a more even playing ground," said Johnson. "They [the administration] are content with who will be making the decisions and who wouldn't be."

When the count was finally allowed, 60% of eligible graduate students voted to unionize with the UAW as their bargaining agent.

"The UAW is one of the most powerful [unions] in the nation," said Seth Levin, a graduate student at NYU who supports unionization. "I believe their power has helped make this drive successful, and will continue to make grad students' interests a force beyond their numbers in bargaining with NYU."

The graduate students are hoping that the leverage created by union bargaining will provide them with a livable stipend and benefits.

"The university has a responsibility to negotiate a contract that includes better and more affordable health care, a better salary, and help with child care," said Johnson. "Right now our work load depends on our relationship with our supervisor. We want more control."

Graduate students at the University of Washington (UW) are also working to unionize and hope that the NLRB ruling will help their cause even though many public universities have had graduate student unions for up to thirty years.

"The NLRB decision is a landmark decision in the sense that it dispenses with the oft-used argument that 'grad student employees are students and not employees,'" said Gorkem Kuterdam, a graduate student at UW and the president of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate.

Kuterdam says that supporters of the union at the University of Washington want the same rights and privileges as other workers who get to negotiate their contracts and terms of employment.

"The only 'privilege' that the students want is to be able to have some say over issues of their employment," said Kuterdam. "The current system of governance does not equip the students to do that, the UW administration has final say over all such issues."

Graduate students, hoping for unionization, agree that they will keep on fighting until they have union power and can negotiate their own contracts.

"Private universities will not take this fight lying down. It will be a long battle, and this is exactly why the NLRB was created," said Levin. "Otherwise, the administration would have never looked at those ballots again."

Registration at Penn State McKeesport

BY: CYNTHIA CAROL LEVY, Collegian staff reporter

The month of October marked the beginning of registration at Penn State McKeesport.

Registration is one of the busiest times of the academic year. For both students and faculty, it can be a fairly short process, if it is done correctly.

Registrar Dr. Mary Ellen Bayuk said that scheduling could be easily done in three ways. They include scheduling an appointment with an academic adviser, registering online through elion.psu.edu or by telephone. Dr. Bayuk said, "The registration process can be fairly easy for students, if they meet with their advisers and do not wait until the last minute to register for class."

Ms. Bayuk also stated that the registration process is a relatively long process for faculty. It takes five months for the schedule to be constructed. Both students and faculty must approve the schedule. Student Government Association Treasurer, Lauren Cycak, (sophomore-business administration) said, "Although the SGA doesn't participate directly in the registration process, we are responsible for taking a portion of the schedule to the student body for comments and to see if there are any major conflicts. I also sit on the scheduling committee that decides on the final draft. I take the information I have found and point out each comment and every major conflict."

Director of Student Affairs Elsie Boucek also plays an important role in the registration process. Ms. Boucek said, "Registration is an extremely busy time for me. As coordinator over all advising, I am not only responsible for my own advisees, I also help many of the non-degree students. I also must be available for questions and problem solving for other advisers." She said that she usually schedules 30-minute appointments with students to help them with registration.

Jill Hochman, an adviser in the Academic Cultural Enrichment Program, helps many students within the program register for classes. She stated that many students in the ACE program come to her for help with registration. Ms. Hochman said, "Many students are worried about classes filling up. Among the classes that are filling fast are SpComm 100A, English 202, Art 20 and Bi Sc."

Students at Penn State McKeesport seem to be having an easy time registering for classes. Tanille Watkins (freshmen-secondary education) said, "I received a lot of help from the sophomores on campus when I was registering. They told me what advisers to ask for help and told me what classes were best for me to take."

Mackell Mendoza (freshmen-communication) said, "I registered for classes as soon as I saw the schedule in the Registrar's Office. Because I registered early, I received all the classes I needed and had no problems."

Dr. Linda Higginson Addresses Council

BY: ROBERT D. LIPSCOMB

At the November Council Meeting for the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments, Dr. Linda Higginson, the Associate Dean for students and academic support in the Commonwealth College spoke with the student representatives about the Quality Assessment Program for Academic and Student Support Services.

Over the last two years, Student Affairs Committees has undergone a complete overhaul in its attempts to improve the quality of services at Commonwealth locations through student affairs campus reviews.

Teams of the committee are visiting campuses to evaluate the quality of the student affairs programs at each location. This is the first of 2 foundations for the program. The second is to take 12 locations and make them one college, while helping them maintain contingency with the cultures associated with the particular areas of Pennsylvania.

Dean Strauser, Commonwealth College, has put together a study group to improve the quality of support services for students. This raises an important question: "How do we go about improving the quality of life and services for students?"

Dr. Mary Heinz chaired this committee. He feels that the committee must undertake a planful way of assessing quality. With regards to the approach, a method of assessment must be developed to enable the teams to say, "How are we doing in this particular area of support services and programs?" The teams should be able to pick one location where there exists a service so outstanding that it can serve as a model for services like it at other locations.

All directors endorse this wholeheartedly. Committee members are Linda Enseki, DUS Dubois, Dwayne Hilton, DSA Hazleton, John Murphy, DSA Wilkes Barre, Annita Scottland, Learning Center McKeesport,

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Altoona Holds a Haunted Slep

By: Bridget L. Dougherty

"Please enter," a tour guide states as he leads you in. Down a long black walkway you are lead, when all of the sudden your tour guide is snatched into the walls. Through dark walkways, hands snatch and grab your feet and people jump out at you, foreign objects are thrown at you and unidentifiable objects you must walk over, and ducking and crawling are a past time on your journey. As you pass through the dark, cold rooms, mannequins come alive and you have the pleasure of seeing familiar faces being electrocuted such as Penn State Altoona's Assistant Director of Judicial Affairs Jay Burlingame, Altoona's Student Government Association President Raymonde Green, and Student Government Association Senator Nicole DiBella.

"What is this you have just been taken through?" you think to yourself. "Ghosts, Goblins, and… Student Government Association?!"

Well, on Oct 28 and 29, The Student Government Association at Penn State Altoona College transformed the entire bottom floor of the Slep Student Center into a mortifyingly, scary haunted house. SGA members had begun the planning for this idea on their September retreat, held at Lake Raystown Resort, where the group became on fire for the idea of scaring people. With a huge project like this, the idea was a committee project, but to allow for expansion of all areas of Slep, the PSU committee formed sub-committees, which included all of the Senate members. Student Government Association was so involved in the planning that they took time from Senate meetings every week, leading up to the event, to allow for further planning.

Funded by the Student Activity Fee, Haunted Slep was open Sat, Oct 28 from 8pm until midnight for students and Sun, Oct 29 from 11am until 4pm for the community, with free admission both days. The turnout was better than expected and many people went through more than once. Emily Scheinberg, a student at Penn State Altoona College was quoted as saying "I was scared out of my mind. It was so well put up that I didn't even know it was Slep."

With the success of the event being so great, SGA at Altoona is encouraged and may attempt this huge project again in years to come, especially with a huge portion of supplies already bought. However, one thing that still lingers in the minds and eyes of all who went through— Slep will never be viewed the same way again!

Winter Formal Dance at Fayette

On the last day of finals, Fayette Student Activities Committee assisted the student body in relaxing after the fall semester's completion. It was on this day that the annual winter formal was held at the local Holiday Inn. The Fayette Flurry began around 7 in the evening with pictures, dinner and finally the dance. Here, everyone had the chance to relax and enjoy an evening among friends. Everyone danced the night away at The Holiday Inn, filling the ballroom with laughter and fun. Approximately, 100 people were in attendance and everyone appeared to have enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Each person found something appealing about the event. From simply talking with friends to dancing crazily all night, all in attendance enjoyed a great evening. Not to mention; the music, food and atmosphere were an excellent end to the ever so long fall semester.



Fayette Students at the Winter Formal Dance

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Christina Ragno, Student Mont Alto, Michele O'Connor, DUS/ Learning Center Worthington Scranton.

The purpose of this assessment is to seek better ways to develop and deliver programs and services, which meet students' needs and optimize their personal and intellectual development. Assessment provides necessary information to make appropriate decisions within each area of service. Programs of focus are not limited to: academic advising, career services, counseling, financial aid, health services, learning support, library services, orientation programs, student computing, and student life which includes student leadership, athletic programs, etc. All learned information from assessments will be shared with students.

Voters Reject Initiative 745

National Student News Service

NSNS)- Voters from Washington State turned down Initiative 745 on election day, preventing the state's public transportation budget from being cut in half and the state's road budget from increasing 10%, through the campaigning of various student and statewide organizations, by a vote of 55% to 45%.

The proposed initiative called for a 10% increase in road funding and a 50% decrease in public transportation funding. Asphalt pavers and developers supported the initiative, but a coalition of groups including the Washington Public Interest Research Group (WashPIRG), the Washington State Council of Firefighters, the League of Women Voters, and the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce opposed it.

In the end, Initiative 745 failed 55% to 45%. This means that the state transportation budget will stay as it is now with roads taking 80% of the budget and public transportation getting 20%.

"Traffic and sprawl are a huge problem in Washington," said Jessica Long, a sophomore at University of Washington (UW), and the UW WashPIRG chapter chair. "This initiative offers one attempt at a solution. It is important for our environment as well as for our sanity that we reduce traffic congestion in Washington. It is great that this initiative brought the issue to the table so that public advocacy groups could show citizens and government officials that building more roads is not the appropriate solution."

A study released by WashPIRG shows that in cities, which have expanded their roads, traffic congestion is not always alleviated. In 1989, the Washington Department of Transportation (DOT) increased the capacity of a bridge spanning Lake Washington. After the expansion, traffic on the bridge increased from 65,000 cars per day to 104,000 per day. The DOT found that there was no decrease in traffic on other routes, so WashPIRG concludes that the increase must be due to increased trips.

"Road building cannot keep up with the population boom, let alone the idea of emptying the buses and putting all of those people into cars" - Jessica Long, sophomore at Univeristy of Washington (UW)

Students at the University of Washington worked to educate the public about the possible side effects of Initiative 745.

"Basically we tried to educate students about what the initiative was and what it was going to do," said Christina Davidson, a freshman at UW and the grassroots intern for the UW WashPIRG Transportation Campaign. "If the initiative passed, not only students but the handicapped and low-income families would not be able to get around Seattle."

In order to spread their message, students handed out flyers, held a debate with proponents of the initiative, and put up posters around their campus and the surrounding community. Students meeting at a regional conference for the state PIRGs also made an effort to educate the public about Initiative 745.

"At the Western PIRG Conference, we [100 PIRG students from up and down the west coast] put out 10,000 flyers in Vancouver, which is an area that would have otherwise not been hit," said Davidson.

"WashPIRG and other UW students were involved because we feel there is clear proof that building more roads is not a solution to transportation problems," said Scott Andrews, a freshman at UW and the UW WashPIRG Transportation Campaign research intern. "Just look at L.A., Atlanta, and Washington, D.C. Also, this initiative would have effected students directly by limiting transportation choices and cutting the mass transit fund."

Long agrees that the initiative would have caused transportation problems around the state. "Road building cannot keep up with the population boom, let alone the idea of emptying the buses and putting all of those people into cars," she said. "Taking away public transportation funding wastes time and money of individual citizens as well as increasing greenhouse emissions from the additional cars on the roads.

"Students worked hard to oppose this initiative because we rely on the bus system, we care about the environment, and we do not want to live with its [Initiative 745's] consequences," Long said.

Trapped on the Other Side of the Door

BY: MISTIQUE PRIMAR

There are some things in life that even the people who are closest to you don't know. Sometimes the few people that you trust know the truth, but will they keep it with them always? So how do you tell someone that you have been abused? Whether it is a form of domestic abuse or dating violence, the pain left afterwards can scar a person for life. One phrase that I try to live by is that you cannot put closure on situations until you work through them and try and you are comfortable with the fact that the situation is over and done with. So this is my way of getting over it…

In the past, I have seen domestic abuse occur in my home. There was no abuse on the children, only between my parents. No one would ever think that my family would go through the problems that we did because I never let on to it. I went through high school with good grades, a decent amount of friends and a steady boyfriend. I was student council president, did the morning announcements and I was editor in chief of the school newspaper. No one saw the mental anguish that I went through thinking that I was the cause of all of my parents problems. Watching them verbally and physically abuse each other made me realize what I definitely did not want in a relationship.

The longer that my boyfriend and I were together and the more my parents fought, I saw that it was taking a toll on our relationship. My boyfriend and I started arguing more and more for no reason. I would pick arguments simply because I thought that arguing was okay. After a while, we both knew that something was wrong and decided to end all of the arguing. He finally realized what was going on in my home life after about 5 months and has been supportive ever since.

I have a sister. She is 9 years old. To watch her cry and scream because mom and dad are arguing was one of the most painful things that I had ever felt. I eventually vowed that I would never have children, because I thought that I would be a bad mother on account of my temper (I never truly let it show) and how my parents were. At the beginning of my senior year of high school, things started to calm down in my life. At least that was what I thought…

In November of my senior year, my boyfriend went into the Marines. He was due home in February. For lack of not having my best friend around every day, I threw myself into my schoolwork. Right after Christmas, I got a phone call from a good friend of mines that I had known for a few years, but one that I hadn't really kept in touch with due to certain circumstances. He told me how well his advertising business was going and all about his office and how diligent his staff was. Having his own business at such a young age (he was 18) was an accomplishment and things seemed to be going well for him. He offered me a job and I told him that I would have to know more about his company before making that decision. So, one day, after shopping for my boyfriend's Christmas gifts, I met my friend. He took me on a tour of his office and let me see his record books and I was seriously considering working for his company because everything seemed legitimate.

Things were fine until he revealed his feelings for me. When I did not return those feelings, an argument started. In my attempt to leave, I was manhandled and had my head banged off of a wall and a 4-inch thick soundproof glass window, to the point where my head was bleeding. I was slapped in the face and had my hip smacked off of a mahogany desk, to which I still feel the affects. I never thought that someone who was so close to me could do what he did because of a simple word such as no.

I went through a similar situation in college. Luckily, I got the chance to stop it before it got deeper than what it could have been. I vowed to myself that I would never go back to what I had been: scared, afraid and left feeling worthless.

Now that I look back, what people say is true. You do not know which people are going to cause you harm until they actually do it. The people that you think are closest to you can hurt you, the ones that you least expect to. In the end, everything boils down to your own personal safety. I thank all of my friends at Penn State McKeesport who helped me out, my parents and my best friend. Oh, and what happened to the guy that hit me? He is supposedly in jail, I heard that his advertising business went under.

College Students Become Alert on Seriousness of Date Rape

BY: RHONDA BROADWAY, Collegian staff reporter

Hi, my name is Susan (not the person's real name, but being used for the sake of privacy) and, last year, I was a victim of date rape.

Well, let's start from the beginning. I met a guy at a club, and, after a couple of dances, we exchanged telephone numbers. After talking to him on the telephone a couple of times, we decided we would go out on a date. When we went out, I felt pretty comfortable, but what I didn't know was I headed for a night of horror.

After riding around town, I asked him if we were going to stop and get a bite to eat, or at least go to the movies. He then persuaded me that if we ordered a pizza and rented some movies, we would have more fun. At first, I felt uncomfortable about going to his house on our first date, but he didn't make me feel in danger around him.

Arriving at his house, I noticed no one was home which was a bad thing. But I didn't ask any questions, I just sat down. After eating some pizza, we continued watching the movie. All I remember is he kept kissing me. I would push him away, and he would stop for about 15 minutes. Then he would start kissing me again, and I would push him away, and he would stop again. The third time, he didn't stop kissing. He kept kissing me, and, then, he pulled me onto the floor from the couch. I kept pushing him trying to make him stop, but the more I pushed the more persistent he got.

After it was over, I realized that I was a victim of date rape. Yes, he apologized, but all the apologies in the world wouldn't take away the numbness I felt in my heart. I was scared because I didn't have a way home and was too embarrassed to call my mother, so out of guilt he insisted to take me home.

On the way, he tried to persuade me not to tell anyone by offering me clothes, gifts and roses. When I got home, I was still shocked from the experience. "How could this happen to me," I thought. After a couple of minutes, I couldn't hold it in anymore and burst out in tears telling my mom that I had been a victim of date rape.

A whole year of going through a trial, and, still, no justice was served. Because I wasn't beat and brutally attacked by a stranger, the court wasn't really in my favor. Even the district attorney tried to persuade me to lower the charges to sexual assault rather than rape. After that, I felt that no one was in my corner except for my mother. Finally, I decided to get some counseling, and make my life more productive by working, surrounding myself with positive people and making God my soul foundation.

I soon found out that this wasn't my fault, and I

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THON 2001

Within Reach

Canning, pledging, donating, working—what else is there to Dance Marathon? The actual event is quickly approaching, and of course this means dancing. A huge task is ahead for the 42 dancers from the Commonwealth, including those from CCSG Central Staff, all representing the Commonwealth. All the hard work, the long hours, the countless emails from the THON Director, and of course the dedication shown by everyone involved will culminate Feb 16, when THON weekend arrives. It is truly an honor to say that each campus has a couple representing them at this event. These dancers are going to go through some eventful moments over the 48 hours that they will spend at Rec Hall. Dancers will soon realize, if they haven't already, that this will be the happiest, hardest, most fun, most grueling, life-changing, and rewarding weekend of their entire lives. But they are not going to be able to do it alone. These individuals are going to need as much help and support that can possibly be given to them. They are going to go through periods where they are feeling so good that they will ask why they hadn't done this sooner. They will also hit the ones where they will ask why they ever got themselves into such a tough situation. Each member of every campus needs to realize that these dancers are going to have their ups and downs. They must realize that, as moralers, they are there to help each dancer get through the weekend. The dancers are to be commended for their altruism and perseverance for this event. They must also know that everyone, from their location to every other campus, to CCSG Central Staff, to the THON Director and the THON Committee, are going to be their inspiration and strength. They should never hold back. If it hurts, say "It hurts." THON is not a testament of how tough someone is. Rather it is a testament of how someone handles adversity and how they can make it through such a grueling situation. Each and every dancer should not worry because they have full support from every person that is involved with Dance Marathon. The best thing that a dancer needs to remember is that they should never hesitate to say how they feel. THON is the most humbling experience in the world. Dancers should just sit back and be proud to say that they are one major reason that THON is the largest student-run philanthropy in the world.



Paul Mihalko, CCSG THON Director



Dancer Couples Attend THON Retreat

By: Anna Oziraner

The weekend of Jan. 13-14, THON dancers from each campus, accompanied by their respective THON chairs, attended the THON retreat the Shavers Creek.

The purpose of the weekend-long event was to introduce the dancers from various campuses to one another and to motivate them for the longest 48 hours they'd ever have to experience. Each dancer couple had to raise $500 in order to participate.

"It was a very good chance and it was a good chance for all the students of the Commonwealth outside of the meetings," said Gabriel Bryant, the President of Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG).

In addition to introducing dancers to one another, the THON committee was introduced as well. A group of 13 individuals composing the committee guided the dancers through various ice-breakers and trust-building activities in order for the dance partners to get to know one another on a trusting level.

The weekend left many memorable impressions, from sleepless night, to dinner, to competitions, to spirit points given out to the campus teams that won certain events.

"Seeing the unity and cooperation going on throughout the commonwealth was the most memorable thing at the retreat," said Robert Lipscomb, a dancer representing the Central Staff of CCSG, "it promises that THON will be a huge success."

Dancers engaged in various activities to get pumped up for the dance marathon. Led by a team of committed and enthusiastic THON committee members, participants enjoyed every minute of the weekend.

"The retreat was, in my opinion, a great success," said Paul Mihalko, the CCSG THON Director. "I was very proud of the enthusiasm and energy the campuses provided. My committee did an awesome job and it looks like we are ready for Feb. 12."

THON Dancers Representing All of the Commonwealth Locations

DANCE MARATHON
2001
DANCER LIST

Northeast Caucus:
1. Altoona-285
   a. Juhanna Rogers
   b. Jasmine Almonte
2. Hazelton-293
   a. Craig Hughes
   b. Kevin D'Ausilio
3. Wilkes-Barre-300
   a. Shannon Donahue
   b. Kerry Neiman
4. Worthington-Scranton-301
   a. Melissa Kupchak
   b. Neil Wells

Northwest Caucus:
1. Beaver-286
   a. John Dingfelder
   b. Susan Scarlino
2. Behrend-287
   a. Danielle Scherer
   b. Brandi Hovis
3. Dubois-290
   a. Monica Nichols
   b. Casey Jericho
4. Shenango-299
   a. Chrissy Arduini
   b. Kelly Steklachich

Southeast Caucus:
1. Abington-284
   a. Janine Rodgers
   b. Danielle Copelli
2. Deleware County-289
   a. Dena Marie Fisher
   b. Michael Bowers
3. Monte Alto-296
   a. Andrea Moll
   b. Gabrielle Wells
4. York-302
   a. Nikki Lentz
   b. Lee Lenkner

Southwest Caucus:
1. Fayette-291
   a. Michael Moore
   b. Doug Defrank
2. McKeesport-295
   a. Jennifer Spano
   b. Brad Maloney
3. New Kensington-297
   a. Matt Earnest
   b. Bobbi Grace

Two-Location Caucus:
1. Berks-288
   a. Tara Minchin
   b. Matt Helf-mch180@psu.edu
2. Harrisburg-292
   a. Chip Black
   b. Angela Minner
3. Lehigh Valley-294
   a. Julie Wilson
   b. Bryan Krock
4. Schuykill-298
   a. Angie Ullah
   b. Anthony Pinto

CCSG Central Staff:
1. Couple #1—281
   a. Anna Oziraner
   b. Robert Lipscomb
2. Couple #2—282
   a. Megan Kreisel
   b. Shane Szalankiewicz

DuBois Campus Raises Money for Several Causes

BY: MATTHEW CURRY

The students and faculty at Penn State DuBois have been busily planning and participating in several campus events over the past two months.

Prior to winter break, members of the DuBois THON team held a rocking chair marathon to help raise money for the Four Diamonds Foundation. A group of ten students started rocking at noon on Saturday, December 2 and continued until noon the following day. Members of the DuBois community donated almost $1,400 during this 24-hour marathon, which took place at Fezell's Shop 'n' Save.

Area children came to the campus for the Student Government Association's Breakfast with Santa on Sat, Dec 9. The annual event raised $678.56 for the Make-a-Wish foundation.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, on Mon, Jan 15, students participated in a "Peace Pole" ceremony on the campus. The Peace Pole, located in the campus picnic area, represents the freedom of speech. Interested students met there at noon and shared selected readings from some of Dr. King's writings. Later that afternoon, a video entitled "Remembering Martin" was presented in the Quiet Lounge for any interested students. On Wed, Jan 17, the Student Life office presented a multi-media program entitled "King's Dream." This event incorporated music, film clips, and live dance routines to honor Dr. King.

Looking ahead, Penn State DuBois will be having its annual Winterfest celebration on Feb 14. Slated for this event are: a psychic fair, snow sculpting, snowshoe races, and other outdoor activities for the entire campus community.





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Contested Bill Threatens Pell Grant Increases

National Student News Service

(NSNS)- Congress proposed the largest increase ever in Pell Grants this term with an additional $500 added to the maximum Pell Grant level on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill; however, some disputes over labor clauses may prevent the increases from being passed.

"The increases are a major step in helping low-income students afford college," said Tracey King, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG) Higher Education Associate. "Congress should keep these supportive levels in the final bill."

The bill proposes funding for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. Pre-election proposals included the $500 increase in Pell Grants from $3,300 to $3,800. Some advocates say that these numbers were used to help congressmen get re-elected.

"The $500 increase to the Pell Grants was negotiated with a lot of pressure from the elections," said Corye Barber, Legislative Director for the U.S. Students Association. "Conservative members were never comfortable with the numbers in the bill."

Other higher education financial aid programs are also included in the bill. These include programs for low-income students such as the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG).

Advocates are hoping that student and citizen voices will add the support needed to get the appropriations bill passed as written.

"Members of Congress need to hear that people are still paying attention, that we still care about these issues and need to pass these numbers," said Barber. "Our members are calling representatives in their home districts until December 4 or 5 when the Congress session resumes."

Pell Grants were started in order to address the needs of low-income college students. According to Barber, the grants originally covered 60-70% of college expenses but currently cover 30-40%.

"Pell Grants are the best program to address the problems of low-income students," said Barber. "They are the most efficient and direct way to keep low-income students in college. We need to get back to the original purpose [of the Pell Grants] of covering the majority of college expenses."

Fayette Holds a Leadership Retreat

Over winter break, Fayette Student Government Association attended a retreat at a local resort. While in the mountains, the participated in n teambuilding exer games.

The group s the retreat by partic an energetic game t mood for the res evening. One of the i challenges the team an exercise requirin the team members their assets to the table and use them effectively with the other members. Then the SGA members colored a poster that the rest of the group was instructed to write an inspirational note on throughout the night. By dinner, everyone enjoyed a meal prepared by some of the members, finishing the night by sharing challenging games and personal stories.

The following morning held more teamwork and group events. Finally, the day was topped off with a little swimming in the indoor pool at the resort. Overall, the event truly raised students' spirits and increased their energy level, extending that extra motivation to accomplish the remainder of their goals for the year.



Figure 1 Picture of group demonstrating a human copy machine

Rape Cont'd

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learned how to love myself again.

There are many girls who have a story like Susan, but many of these stories are never heard especially on college campuses. According to the Rape and Sexual Assault Web site, the majority of rapes that occur are termed "acquaintance rapes," when a rapist and victim know one another.

Statistics report that in the United States a rape occurs every two minutes. About 75 percent of all rapes are by someone the person knows. Specifically, women age 16-25 are three times more likely to be raped than other women. One in four female college students has either been raped or experiences an attempted rape.

Carol A. Meek, assistant to the director of academic affairs, said, "Rapes on college campuses can usually be linked to drinking. If you go to a party try not to drink. Not just on college campuses, but women should have a safety guide for them wherever they go. For example, if a woman must walk somewhere at night, she should try to walk with a group of people. Never leave with someone you just meet."

When women are raped they usually first feel violated, but, according to Penn State McKeesport's campus guide on sexual assault victims: After a sexual assault there should immediately be some medical attention to determine the presence of physical injury, sexually transmissible diseases or pregnancy. Ideal physical evidence should be collected immediately, but may be done within 72 hours following the assault.

Penn State McKeesport Nurse Paula Hutsko said there have been four or five rapes in the past five years. College students should use care not to mix sex and alcohol together, especially because of a relatively new date rape drug known as Rohypnol. Rohypnol is usually slipped into a beverage when someone sits their drink down and leaves it unattended. "Women especially should never put their drink down at parties because this drug is easily dissolved in liquid," Mrs. Hutsko said.

A key element that victims must realize is that rape is never their fault. Women should always trust their gut feeling. If the situation feels uncomfortable, a woman should try to get out. And, if an individual is raped, get help right away and immediately seek medical attention.

For more information on date rape, call the hotline for victims of sexual assault at 1-800-656-HOPE.

New Report Promotes Increase in Community-Based University Scholarship

This Article Taken from Intercom

According to a new study by the American Council on Education, a majority of Americans believes that colleges should play an active role in their communities. Ninety-five percent of survey respondents said such activities are extremely or somewhat important to them.

The question facing many colleges and universities is how to compare university outreach programs to the faculty's traditional courses and publications in order to recognize and reward faculty who produce community-based scholarship.

At Penn State, the University Scholarship and Criteria for Outreach and Performance Evaluation (UniSCOPE) learning community has been studying community-based, outreach scholarship since 1998. The group, composed of faculty and administrators from throughout the University, began by examining the full range of faculty scholarship in order to determine the place of outreach within faculty activities. UniSCOPE recently developed a model for increasing faculty recognition for these activities and promoting greater participation in community-based scholarship. They released an online version of the report of their findings and recommen-

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Shenango Update

By: Marshall Chriswell

The Student Government Association at Penn State Shenango is currently enjoying some extreme success in our fund raising efforts for THON. The coffeehouse and date auction has raised a total of over $700.00 for the cause and there is still more to come. Student Government is also involved with a canned food drive, which has proven to be a huge help for the less-fortunate families in our small community. We have also undertaken assisting two classmates whose homes were destroyed by fire earlier this fall. The money awarded to Student Government Association (SGA) for placing second in the Christmas parade was donated to the families.

Penn State Erie to Build a New Child-Care Center

This Article is taken from Intercom.

Based on the recommendation of a committee composed of faculty, staff and students, Penn State Erie will build a new child care center in Knowledge Park.

The current child care center at 5650 Station Road will be razed later this year to make way for the new Eastside Access Highway. The new center will be constructed by the Greater Erie Industrial Development Corp., which is a partner with Penn State Erie in developing Knowledge Park. The building, expected to cost $1.1 million, will be leased by the college, which hopes eventually to purchase it.

The college will be seeking the cooperation of PennDOT in delaying demolition of the current child-care center and the cooperation of Harborcreek Township supervisors to expedite construction of the new 8,500-square-foot center. Should it become necessary, the college will use campus space on a temporary basis to meet child-care needs. The new center will be slightly larger than the current facility.

PennDOT will pay the college $936,000 for the land occupied by the current center. The college must pay off the $451,000 that it still owes on the purchase and renovation of the existing center.

Reconstruction At Penn State Behrend

On December 28th Governor Tom Ridge gave the Behrend College $30 million of state money to fund the building of the Research and Economic Development Center (REDC). A grant this size is the largest ever received by Erie County. The REDC is a 160,000 square-foot academic building that will house the School of Business and the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology. The additional 17,000 square-feet of classroom space almost doubles the current 23,000 square-feet. There will also be ten computer labs and a cybercafe. Penn State Behrend is very excited about the growth this building will provide for the college. This project has been a priority of the college for years. Now that the campus has the money, the center can come to fruition.

Another reconstruction on campus deals with PennDOT's addition of a new highway between interstate 90 and the Bayfront Highway. The new highway, called the Bayfront Connector will run directly in front of campus. As part of the construction, the site of our current Child Care Center will have to be demolished. Being that the University will not pay for new facilities, the College has been debating the use of tuition dollars for such a purpose. After months of research and debate, Provost and Dean, John Lilley, announced January 19th that the College will rebuild the center. The new center is to be located in Knowledge Park, which is a cooperative education complex located on campus. Companies from the Erie area located in the complex provide internships and coops to Behrend students. This location will benefit not only students, faculty, and staff, but also the employees of the Knowledge Park companies.



New Kensington Honors King's Memory

By: Karen Bridge



Penn State New Kensington has done many things to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's legacy. On Mon, Jan 15 students had a birthday cake and beverages to honor the birth of the "I have a Dream" speaker.

Later that night, thirteen people went to the Westmoreland County Food Bank in Delmont. The thirteen people were comprised of people from the Student Government Association, Lion Ambassadors and students from the Multi-Cultural Club. They packaged frozen Puska bread, canned goods and cereal. The group volunteered for two hours. Everyone enjoyed their time at the food bank, helping a lot of people by volunteering their time.

Penn State New Kensington did not stop honoring his legacy there. On Jan. 16 and 17 students volunteered at the Chamber of Commerence. The volunteers assembled a newsletter for residents in Westmoreland County. They also photo-copied papers and attached address labels on the newsletters. On January 18th, volunteers read stories and entertained children at the People's Library in New Kensington.

The students of Penn State New Kensington held one of the spring 2001 cultural programs on January 19. This cultural program was entitled "King's Dream; A Multi-media Presentation." A special luncheon was held before the presentation. This presentation dealt with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement. The presentation included a musical performance featuring songs that told the story of pain, drama and perseverance. The cultural program was entertaining as well as educational.

Penn State New Kensington is hoping that all of the volunteering and understanding will help keep Dr. King's dream and legacy alive.

Beaver Shares King's Dream

BY: Joleen Roberts

In celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the program "King's Dream" was held at Penn State Beaver campus. The January 15th program was presented
by Key Arts Productions.

The program was kicked off with an opening welcome from the CEO Dr. Gary Keefer and an introduction from the SGA. " I found this experience to be totally enlightening. I was glad to deliver such an important introduction," explained SGA President Jim River.

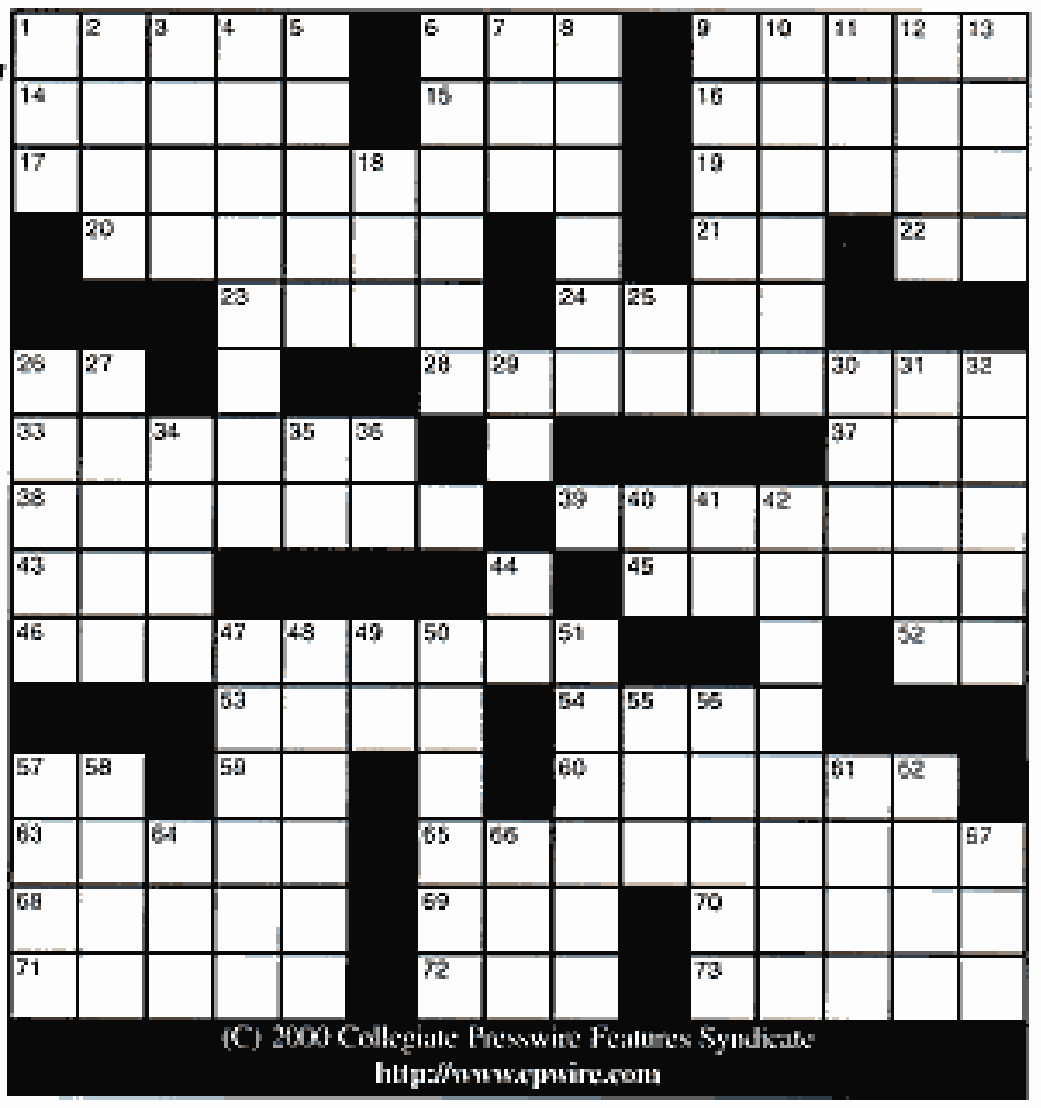
Members of the community as well as faculty, staff and students of the campus gathered to pay tribute to Dr. King.

The footage of King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech and other important moments in Dr. King's fight for freedom captured the audience's attention. Other attributes of the program included a few songs that relayed the feelings of many who experienced the fight for freedom.

" I was really proud to be involved in such a historic event, it was really an honor," stated SGA Vice-President John Dingfelder.

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ACROSS

1. Russian vacation house
6. Recede
9. Type of poem
14. Plants that heal burns
15. Caviar
16. Stomach ailment
17. Drug related
19. What a PG movie is
20. Red tone
21. What the computer is when you are working
22. State north of CT
23. Abrev. for metaphors
24. Noose need
26. Plural ending in words from Hebrew
28. Gas filled electron tube
33. How steaks may be done
37. An emotion of wonder
38. Supported
39. Declining
43. Conceit
45. One who cures hides
46. Type of coffee cup
52. Musical note
53. A famous one is named Charlie
54. Simple computer program
57. Morning hours
59. Simile word
60. Tended the fire
63. Birds
65. Priests garments
68. Epitome of *slow*
69. Baby
70. Contraction of "no, 'habla?"
71. Evolve
72. Axelike tool
73. Can be stopped up

DOWN

1. Obstacle
2. Sir ___ Guiness
3. Cipher
4. Scion's boat
5. Standard computer code
6. "The Importance of Being ___"
7. Feathery stole
8. Where bats are!
9. Sister of Cadmus
10. What earth is
11. Halloween month
12. Think
13. Town in Utah
18. A doctrine
25. State near Washington
26. Deter
27. Blend
29. Mate
30. Shower
31. Possessed
32. Racial division
34. The prophet of ___
35. Direction
36. State in NE
40. In the location of
41. State west of NJ
42. Place to get a cola
44. Third person singular present indicative of be
47. Print styles
48. Soufflé
49. Used before words beginning with a vowel sound
50. A holy place
51. Synthetic
55. Possessive pronoun
56. A wide body of water
57. Part of a church
58. Repair
61. ...ere last I saw ___
62. Salami place
64. French water
66. Brick carrier
67. ___ Jose



Collor Me Human

Students Lead a Panel Discussion on MLK Day of Service

By: Robert Lipscomb

On Mon, Jan 15, thousands of students, faculty, and staff from across the commonwealth joined in to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. From student centered discussion panels, to a commemorative march held at University Park, students and staff alike from all different cultures united as one to celebrate a legacy. Although this was supposed to be a day of celebration, many students walked away from the many activities held with a few different questions burning in their minds: Will Dr. King's dream ever come true? Will society ever achieve a oneness with multiculturalism? And what can be done to make Dr. King's dream come true?

In one session, "Color Me Human," one of the many different student centered panel discussions held during the celebration, a panel of six students voiced their opinions on many of the issues of multiculturalism that exist at University Park. The panel was comprised of the following students, all active members of some of the many different organizations available for students to participate in: Jennifer Storm, President, Lambda Delta Lambda; Ashante Kirby, Founder and President, Art of Soul; Nicholas Salter, Financial Director, Lambda Student Alliance; Steven Mark, LaKeisha Wolf, President, Black Caucus; and moderator Brian Favors, Program Director, AT&T Center for Service and Leadership. Approximately 30 students, and even a few members of the local community were in attendance offering their opinions on the issues at hand, and even presenting a few questions of their own for the panel.

Questions presented to the panel ranged from opinionated issues such as the diversity/other cultures requirement at Penn State, to topics concerning multiculturalism in society in general. When asked if the University was meeting their needs as far as courses offered for multicultural education, many of the panelists felt as though they were not being satisfied with the courses available to them.

"This university barely acknowledges that there are 'queers' on campus let alone meet my needs," said Jennifer Storm. "There are only two courses that are strictly dealing with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) issues."

"Forums such as those held on MLK day are ways to bridge the gaps between people, races, and ideologies that are different from you and your own," - Kurt Maldovan, CCSG Cheif of Staff

Black Caucus President LaKeisha Wolf also expressed her concern on this issue. When asked if she felt one class was enough to fulfill the diversity requirement at PSU, Wolf said no. "One class is not enough, though it is helpful. Cultural issues need to be included in every class and major at some point."

The discussion continued with questions being asked by members of the audience that included concerns on the reality of multiculturalism in society. One question asked if members of the panel felt that society was progressing toward or digressing from a multicultural medium.

Council of Commonwealth Student Governments Chief of Staff, Kurt Maldovan, hopes that society is making progress toward this medium. "Forums such as those held on MLK day are ways to bridge the gaps between people, races, and ideologies that are different from you and your own," Maldovan said. "I feel that if everyone were exposed to such a forum that they could see the other side of the coin – a lifestyle which is different from their own."

With all this talk on multicultural issues, what does the word "multicultural" actually mean? The American Heritage Dictionary defines it as "of or including several cultures or ethnic groups." Thomas Slaski, Student Government Association President at Penn State's Lehigh Valley location, defines it as "the mixing of the different races and ethnicities in one geographic area for the purpose of coexisting peacefully." CCSG President, Gabriel Bryant, defines it as "the idea that there are different cultural backgrounds and experiences in this world, and each should be celebrated as they are all special and unique." CCSG Multicultural Affairs Director, Lois Abdelmalek, feels that multiculturalism is "the representation of all the different cultures or cultural identities within our society. Hopefully Penn State would be one that embraces these identities with the intent to educate its students on the differences that exist amongst students in the community."

Although these definitions are similar to the dictionary definition, each person has his/her own interpretation of multiculturalism. Maybe someday, society as a whole will be able to share the same definition and actually co-exist with one another in a peaceful world. In an ideal world, this would not even be an issue, all one can do is wait and see if that ideal world will ever come.



President's Message

On behalf of The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a happy holiday vacation, and has came back refreshed and focused on the semester at hand.

Administrators and student organizations alike have been applauding our efforts in serving the students of the Commonwealth, which has led to collaborations and future joint efforts to plan initiatives over the next few months. Central Staff is excited to have begun the new year, and have already planned numerous activities and events to get things rolling.

CCSG has many projects in the works to build on last semester's research and achievements. A three-pronged approach is necessary to complete these projects, having the participation of Council, Gallery members, and Central Staff. With everyone's continued cooperation, and unique insight, this semester will prove to be beneficial to the entire Penn State Commonwealth community.

The Strategic Planning Committee will be one of the major projects this semester, with Vice President Shane Szalankiewicz the Chair of this committee. Looking at the present status of CCSG will allow the members of this committee to focus on action plans of the organization over the next three years. Utilizing various campus student representatives, and students from University Park, each person's input will lead to the direction necessary for CCSG to maintain its mission of serving the students of the Commonwealth, and being a strong representative voice for 35,000 students at 19 locations. This committee feels it especially important to prioritize key goals for the organization, to keep the constant transitioning of student leaders with an appropriate foundation.

Secondly, the Governmental Affairs Committee is planning a lobbying trip to Harrisburg for March, which will be geared specifically towards state appropriations and tuition increases. CCSG has collaborated with USG on this effort, as USG President, Matt Roan, and myself, hope to join President Spanier Feb. 27 at Harrisburg to discuss the issue of funding higher education in Pennsylvania. Presently the Penn State locations have been working with their local legislators to highlight these issues, and we want to make sure that the student voice of Penn State is heard at these hearings. As tuition rates continuously seem to rise, we hope to make this a strategic measure of planning as well.

Of course, this month is the month of the largest student philanthropy in the country, Dance MaraTHON!! Following a very successful retreat in January, all of the dancers, moralers, and active student supporters are ready for the weekend of February 16-18, where Rec Hall at University Park will be alive with the energy of students staying up for 48 hours. This effort will not only show CCSG's support of the Four Diamonds Fund and its efforts, but allow for the greater Penn State community to see the students in participation of service ultimately FOR THE KIDS! The cure is WITHIN REACH!

CCSG has many other plans for the semester, including canning trips, community service projects, caucus dances, and more ideas set up by each member of Central Staff. We hope that you are as excited as we are to have this semester finally upon us. Let us all continue to strive for excellence and maintain our Penn State pride in our journey this spring!

Gabriel Bryant
CCSG 2001
"Leadership is participation, not position"



Gabriel Bryant, the President of the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments 2000-2001

Altoona Accomplishes Many Goals

By: Nicole Fisher and Kris Ankarlo

It is a documented fact that February is the shortest of all months; however, it always seems to be the busiest. The same holds true for Penn State Altoona.

To begin the month Altoona is holding a 16-hour dance marathon on the 2nd and the 3rd in support of their efforts towards the 48-hour dance at University Park. The Student Government Association looks forward to the dance and matching the success of last year. Furthermore Altoona was able to address and succeed in obtaining a common hour throughout the campus for the fall semester of 2001. In addition Altoona made a breakthrough with the Health and Wellness Center after it extended hours through Saturday, ensuring that students with minor health problems would not be forced to make unnecessary hospital visits.

A major concern throughout the student body of Penn State Altoona was also addressed when the campus loop extended its bus hours to include the 12pm to 4pm hours. Previously the bus did not run through those hours and students living in the Nittany Pointe residence halls were forced to either walk to their rooms or wait until the bus reassumed service.

The accomplishments through January and February give Penn State Altoona a great start to the new year and momentum toward the rest of the semester.

Scholarships Cont'd

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dations earlier this year.

Drew Hyman, professor of public policy and community systems, serves as chair of the UniSCOPE learning community. Hyman explained that the goal of UniSCOPE "is to provide a framework for creating an equitable system for recognizing and rewarding the full range of university scholarship. UniSCOPE puts different forms of scholarship into a common context and provides a framework through which everyone throughout the University system can view and develop criteria for comparing the different forms of scholarship."

Hyman said, "The intent of Uni-SCOPE is not to say that we shouldn't be doing traditional forms of scholarship, but to recognize that other rigorous academic work is being done at the University, and each type should be recognized equitably for its primary product. We hope that UniSCOPE will precipitate a University-wide and nationwide process leading to greater recognition of applied work, continuing education, Cooperative Extension, technology transfer, creative works in the media, distance education and other forms of outreach scholarship for their own inherent results. The end result would be a more vibrant and diverse University and more engaged and effective faculty."

The UniSCOPE report is titled "UniSCOPE 2000: A Multidimensional Model of Scholarship for the 21st Century: UniSCOPE Learning Community Challenge to the Penn State Community of Scholars. A copy of the UniSCOPE report may be downloaded from the Web at http:/www.outreach.psu.edu/News/Pubs/uniscope.html or at http://Keystone21.cas.psu.edu/UniSCOPE/.

The report establishes what it calls "a multidimensional model that conceptualizes each of the three mission areas of the University — teaching, research and service — as the forms of scholarship." By examining the many dimensions of faculty work, including a variety of functions, audiences and media for delivery, the report helps faculty and administrators to recognize, compare and evaluate the product and impact of various activities, including outreach and community-based programs.

The UniSCOPE learning community is supported by the Keystone 21 project, a partnership among the College of Agricultural Sciences, all 24 campus locations, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania and the Rodale Institute Experimental Farm.

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