

# GENERAL NEWS

## FINANCE CLUB WINS CHALLENGE



**Winners of the Merrill Lynch Investment Challenge and Finance Club officers**

(left to right): Keith Kreger, PSH's 3rd place winner; Jesse Lonon, PSH's 1st place winner and president of the Finance Club; Brian Hill, vice-president of the Finance Club. Missing from photo is Steve Durant, PSH's 2nd place winner. Durant graduated in the spring of 1990. Congratulations!

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Three Penn State Harrisburg students were responsible for winning a \$250 grant for the college's Finance Club and \$1,000 for the general college scholarship fund. The winning team members more than doubled their initial funds in the Merrill Lynch Investment Challenge, which was offered this spring.

The winning team members were: Jesse Lonon, whose investment portfolio was the highest earner at PSH; Steve Durant, a May, 1990 graduate; and Keith Kreger.

Lonon, who will graduate in the spring, plans to attend graduate school. His goal after completion of his education is to eventually become the Chief Executive Officer of one of the Fortune 500 companies. Speaking as president of PSH's Finance Club, Lonon said the organization hopes to use its \$250 grant to start a scholarship fund for finance majors. "We plan to enter the contest again in the spring," he said.

"Hopefully, we will earn first-place this time."

Although Lonon, Durant and Kreger are finance majors, this annual contest is open to all students enrolled in the School of Business.

From the 30 colleges participating in this year's nationwide contest, the PSH team won third-place.

Each contestant was given \$100,000 in mock funds to invest for 3 months. The individual portfolios were submitted periodically to ensure the information was accurate and up-to-date.

The funds were invested in high-risk stock options, said Dr. Andreas C. Christofi, who administered the challenge on campus. The highest valued portfolios from each college were forwarded to Merrill-Lynch, who chose the winners.

"My main concern is that there is not wider participation in this contest," said Christofi, Associate Professor of Finance. "The potential reward for the individual student is much greater than just the awarding of the scholarship."

### Leadership from 3

leadership category, and were told to play by using the qualities relevant to that category.

It was fun to see someone who is usually very competitive pass up a ball for the person next to him/her. It was equally as humorous to see someone very quiet push a teammate out of the way to get a ball.

From each of the different leadership styles, we learned that when there was a mixture of leadership styles (our natural ones) we performed much better than we did when we were supposed to all act in one manner.

We learned a lot about ourselves that we will all utilize in the future. "To be able to carry away an insight made it worthwhile," said Widoff.

### Capsules from 8

Subjects who were exposed to the smell of chocolate during both exercises showed better recall than those who were exposed for only one of the exercises or not at all. Schab also found that mothballs improve recall. Finally--research that makes scents!

**THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME.** And students who experience a strong "psychological sense of community" in their college living environment are less likely to suffer from burnout. Results of a study by three researchers at St. Mary's U. reported in the *Journal of College Student Development* (May 1990),

suggest that intervention should focus on not only the individual student but also the student's college community.

**THE FACE THAT LAUNCHED A THOUSAND SHIPS** was probably just average. Studies of college freshmen have shown that physical attractiveness is more important than intelligence or personality in dating behavior. So researchers at the U. of Texas and the U. of Arkansas tried to determine what makes a face attractive. Using computer-constructed composites, they found students generally judged composites of 16 or 32 faces more attractive than individual faces.

**THEY'RE CRYING IN THEIR BEER** at breweries and distilleries. Sobriety is spreading among 18- to 24-

year-olds, and the trend has cut into sales of beer and spirits. From 1984 to 1989, the percentage of beer drinkers in that age group slipped from 56.3% to 46.7%, while the figure declined just 1.6% for all ages. Vodka and rum drinkers dropped from 32% to 22% and from 31% to 21% respectively. The change in behavior results from the 21-year drinking age and the growth of organizations such as MADD, SADD, and BACCHUS.

**THE SUICIDE RATE** for college students is about half the rate of non-students, according to findings presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association by Allan Schwartz, chief of mental health services at the U. of Rochester. He also notes that suicide rates at highly competitive institutions don't differ significantly from rates at less rigorous schools.

### SOCCER SCHEDULE -- FALL 1990

HOME	SEPT. 19	PSU YORK (SCRIMMAGE)	6:00
HOME	22	MISERICORDIA	4:00
HOME	23	COLUMBIA UNION	1:00
AWAY	26	VALLEY FORGE	3:30
HOME	29	GOLDIE BEACOM	2:00
AWAY	OCT. 4	GOUCHER	3:00
AWAY	6	BEAVER	2:00
AWAY	7	HOLY FAMILY	2:00
HOME	11	LANCASTER BIBLE	6:00
HOME	15	WASHINGTON BIBLE	6:00
AWAY	25	WESLEY COLLEGE	3:00

### VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE -- FALL 1990

AWAY	SEPT. 18	BEAVER	6:00
		MISERICORDIA	7:00
AWAY	20	NEUMANN	7:00
HOME	22	WILSON	1:00
AWAY	28	CEDAR CREST	7:00
HOME	OCT. 1	ALVERNIA	6:00
HOME	2	LANCASTER BIBLE	7:00
HOME	13	NEUMANN	5:00
		MISERICORDIA	6:00
HOME	15	ALVERNIA	6:00
AWAY	20	WILSON QUAD WITH	2:00
		NOTRE DAME/ CABRINI/F&M	3:00