

Clubs and Activities

PTA Gets Hands-On Experience

By Michelle Price

Two weeks ago several Penn State Hazleton Students went to Seven Springs Resort for a welcome Physical Therapists Assistants Conference. Six members of Helping Hands and the PTA Program attended The Annual Pennsylvania Physical Therapist Association Conference.

Michelle Price, Jennifer Reiff, Bill Flint, Melissa Jones, Al Stankavage, and Shawn Trumbower. advisors were Juan Rosario and Linda Felton, who also attended the conference. The students went to several sessions about: neurology, orthopedics, ob/gyn, pediatrics, PTA form, geriatrics and aquatics.

The conference was held from November 4 to November 7. Different tables were set up with new equipment. Students could ask questions and collect pamphlets on new equipment and techniques for applying this equipment. Tables with information about different hospitals, sports medicine facilities, nursing homes, rehabilitation center, visiting nurses associations.

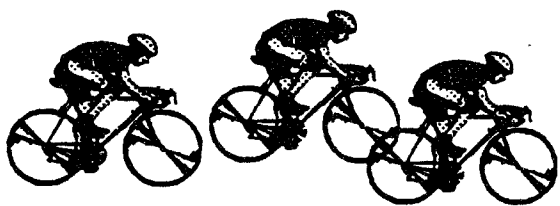
After attending these informational sessions the students participated in nightly activities such as dances and casino night. The students had a lot of fun while gaining some useful information.

Cycling Club Members Are Big Schwinnners

The Penn State Hazleton Campus Cycling Club had a successful race at the Ridge Rider Challenge mountain bike race at Nescopeck State Park on November 7.

According to Club President, Brent Kresge, who won both 1st and 2nd in 17-29 year-old class. The race was a successful event for members of the club. The race was put on by the Hazleton Ridge Riders and sanctioned by the National Off-Road Bicycle Association. The race was held on fire roads, foot paths, and crossed a number of streams. The course combined with cold November weather provided a challenge to all of the participants.

Other winners in the same racing class were: 3rd-John Hnasko of Hazleton (elementary educational major); 20th Overall-Ryan Schlagheck of Stuttgart, Germany, a management science and information systems major; and 23rd Overall-Sean Ott of Stroudsburg, an animal biology science major. The club advisor is Dr. Robert Higgins, assistant professor of Exercise and Science at Penn State Hazleton.



Don't Be Board, Try An RPG

Gaming Editorial

By Jared Leitzel

Some say that games are for children. Well, if that is true, then I never want to grow up. I have to be honest, games have gotten me through college. Dungeons and Dragons, Cyberpunk, and all Role Playing games are multi purpose. They stress involvement, cooperation, and connectiveness.

Have you ever watched an adventure in process? The people playing were so involved, weren't they? the object of the group could have been anything, it doesn't really matter. Did you see how they acted? They all pulled the best jobs they could, they worked hand-in-hand together, they made it happen.

They worked together to achieve the goal. They didn't do all that with no risks. Having characters die is always a possibility, though not a serious one. I do have to stress that they are only, only, and more importantly-only make believe. This is where discrimination against role playing games (RPG's) comes in. People either cannot understand or think that is strange. Just to clarify something up at this time, Psychologists used RPG's well before 1974, which is when the first official printing of Dungeons and Dragons occurred. So they are not Satanic and they are worthwhile. RPG's help a great deal. They spread your horizons. They increase vocabulary, teach history and facts, allow social skills to be developed and can be a productive use of time. Well, more productive than being glued to the TV or Nintendo for hours on end.

The Sci-Fi club meets regularly every Monday, down in the Lower Commons. Our office is room 117 and our office hours are constant. There is always someone here to help you with any questions or comments. Membership is free. Ask for Jared or Mike.

Eight New Lions Welcomed To Ambassador Pride

By Janice D. Hayes

Last week eight new Lion Ambassadors were elected to represent the Penn State Hazleton campus. This new crew of ladies and gentleman are expected to be a great addition to the Lion Ambassador organization. Through their interviews and applications they showed excellence above all the other applicants.

The eight new Lion Ambassadors are: Aprille Davis, Traci Fisher, Jovina Johnson, Heather Miller, Michelle Richards, Lea Robinson, Heather Varonka and Robin Williams. Congratulations to the new lion ambassadors. The Lion Ambassadors were chosen by an interview committee where each potential candidate was asked several questions concerning why they wanted to be a part of the Lion Ambassador organization.

"It was a hard process in selecting applicants, but these eight were a cut above the rest," said Cheryl Kauffman, member of the interview committee. Out of the sixteen that applied these eight showed the pride, excellence and motivation it takes to be a Lion Ambassador.

After being notified of their acceptance

into the Lion Ambassador organization, the new Lion Ambassadors participated in a training session where they were informed of their duties as Lion Ambassadors and given their uniforms. Also, they were able to meet very influential people such as the Campus Executive Officer, James Staudenmeier, Director of Student Programs and Services, Joseph Macallus, Public Relations for the University, Paula Callery, and Manager of Housing and Food Services, Chuck Redden. Each university official stressed how important their roles as Lion Ambassadors will be and how each of them are at their disposal.

The new Lion Ambassadors completed their first duty this past Sunday where they participated in the annual Festival of Trees at Genetti's Best Western. At the Festival of Trees, the Lion Ambassadors decorated one of many trees that will be auctioned off in the next few weeks. The tree was decorated with a blue and white Penn State theme. The Lion Ambassadors are expecting to have a very productive year with a lot of exciting things planned for next semester.