

AIDS Awareness Needed at Delco

by Youngoak C. Marousky

Nurse Phyllis Touchstone recently announced the scheduling of an AIDS workshop in the spring. The purpose of this workshop is to continually educate the campus community. The goal of the workshop is to raise the awareness of people and have them stop, think, and ask questions.

In answer to an inquiry regarding "AIDS Awareness" on campus and what plans the college has, the nurse responded, "I think the students are aware of it, but I don't think that they really understand it. I don't think that young people think they can get it. The feeling is still that the disease is only the disease of the homosexual or the needle users. I'm not sure that the students realize that if they are going to engage in sexual practices, they should use safe sex procedures. AIDS can be transmitted bi-sexually and transmitted by body fluids, such as blood and semen, but can't be transmitted by kissing."

Nurse Touchstone added particularly, "If you remember two years ago, every time you picked up the newspaper there

were great big articles about AIDS. Now suddenly you don't see the same number of articles; they are not on the front page; the headlines are not as big. You find articles back further along in the newspaper.

"Somehow governmental monies are being cut for all human services and health services. The research money is not there. There is still a tremendous amount of fear about AIDS, and when people are afraid of something, they sort of feel that 'I don't know about it; I don't have to be afraid of it; I don't want to hear anything about it.'

"The people who are infected with AIDS, who are terribly sick and who are dying, other people are very afraid of them. These patients with AIDS, they are called "PWA'S — 'Patients With Aids,' 'People With Aids,' 'Persons With Aids,' — are very discriminated against in the work place, in their living conditions, sometimes by the people that take care of them, and sometimes by their families."

Look for further details on the workshops at the beginning of second semester.



Officers of the Adult Student Organization for 1990-91 are: (from l to r) Pat McAdams, president; Joan Impagliazzo, vice president; and Sandy Derucki, secretary/treasurer. McAdams and Impagliazzo are EGNAS majors. Derucki is a BSN major.

Adult Learners Organize and Lobby

by Pat McAdams

The first state-wide meeting of adult students at Penn State was held Saturday, September 29, 1990, at University Park. The meeting launched an official organization for the participants: The Greater Organization of Adult Learners (GOAL), "established to identify, communicate, advocate and satisfy the issues, needs, and concerns of the adult student within the Penn State University system." Delaware County representatives at the formation meeting included Joan Impagliazzo, Eugena Jane Min and Pat McAdams.

In addition to addressing details regarding the establishment of this new organization, the meeting centered on the Adult Student Task Force. This group, which is comprised of Penn State faculty, staff, and student representatives from across the state, has been meeting since early spring in an attempt to recommend a number of major areas in which the University can best meet the needs of adults.

The task force has recently completed its objectives. Charlene H. Harrison, Acting Director of the Returning Adult Center at University Park, noted that unofficial recommendations centered around such areas as finances, determining and providing for a full range of services for adults, child care, and housing for adult students and families. An official report is expected within the next month.

In the meantime, adult students at campuses across the state are organizing by region to gather information pertinent to all of these areas. The Delaware County Campus, along with Berks, Allentown and Ogontz Campuses, will research and initiate the securing of new monies for adult students in the form of scholarships, short-term loans, and other financial assistance.

Delco campus is hosting the first regional meeting of this group on Saturday, November 17, 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Lion's Den. The meeting will concentrate on sharing information GOAL members have accumulated thus far and in organizing region-wide and campus-wide plans for moving forward in these efforts.

Any students, faculty and staff who are interested in joining the group are most welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch in case the meeting runs late. Coffee and donuts will be available when you arrive.



What Exactly Are Campus Ambassadors?

by Judith R. Belson

"What are the Campus Ambassadors?" you may ask. Are they people who run around Penn State in suits, speak foreign languages, and spy on everyone? You may have heard of them, but do you know what they do?

The Campus Ambassadors is a Delaware County Campus tradition. (At University Park, they are called the Lion Ambassadors) They are a firm part of Penn State's tradition of service to others. The Ambassadors perform many functions for the campus, most of them in league with SGA and the other clubs.

One of the things you may have heard about the Ambassadors concerns giving campus tours. An Ambassador must conduct one tour a semester to interested parents, students, or others. "The tours are a good way for people to learn what our campus is all about — good and bad," according to Kim Sanford and Shar Biehl, two Ambassadors. An Ambassador is a representative of the campus, a kind of public relations rep.

Other things that the Ambassadors do are help with fundraisers (such as voting, the Blood Drive, Toys for Tots, food for the poor, and raising money for events), performing services for various affairs, and sponsoring activities for the campus (such as all U-Day tickets, Halloween and Beach parties).

To be admitted to the Campus Ambassadors, you must have a relatively high average, and show that you can be dependable and willing to participate in the activities. If you are interested, meetings are every Monday in AA-2 at 12:30. The advisor is Mrs. Rhodes. Being an Ambassador is a great way to meet people and learn a lot more about Penn State.

'Power of 10' Probes Hollywood

by Matthew B. Cieri

To continue the campus library's celebration of its Tenth Anniversary, on Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., Adam Sorkin will present, "The Hollywood Ten." Ten film industry figures were indicted and imprisoned for contempt of Congress when they refused to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in the late 1940s. Dr. Sorkin will lead the audience in probing their cases.

In the last "Power of Ten" presentation on Oct. 18, Dr. Sibyl Severance discussed the topic of "Ten in Poetry." She stated that number symbolism plays an important role in poetry. Many poems have ten lines with ten syllables in them. The significance of 100 syllables to a poem is this — "100 represents God, unity, oneness, a beginning, and an ending."

Dr. Severance also said that the Renaissance poets used numbers to unite the real or visible world around

them with the invisible world of faith. These poets used this idea of oneness to show that all of reality is linked in a mystical way.

Henry Loc played with numbers in poetry. His poem, "The Square," has several different meanings, depending on the order in which it is read.

Other important numbers in poetry include:

- One-God, all
- Ten-God, unity, totality
- One Hundred-totality, human time, heaven
- Two-Another, 2nd person of the Trinity
- Three-The sacred, the Trinity
- Four-the human
- Six-Christ
- Eight-Redemption

In addition, many poems have a hidden meaning which can be found by counting the number of lines and syllables contained within the poem.

PSU Ranked Among 'America's Best'

Penn State's University Park Campus has been ranked in the first quartile of national universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ranking of "America's Best Colleges."

"We are pleased that Penn State has received this recognition," President Thomas said. "We will be working diligently to maintain and improve the quality of the University's academic programs for our undergraduate and graduate students."

In its Oct. 15 issue, *U.S. News* ranked 204 national universities on a combination of such items as academic reputation, average SAT scores for entering freshmen, freshmen ranking in the top 10 percent of their high school class, the acceptance rate for applicants, the percentage of faculty with doctorates, student-faculty ratio and total spending per student.

The top half of the first quartile was judged to be the top 25 national universities, beginning with Harvard and ending with the University of Rochester. Only five public universities were ranked in this top group: the University of California at Berkeley and at Los Angeles, the University of Virginia, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Michigan.

Michigan, a member of the Big 10, was joined in the top 25 by Northwestern University, the only private school in the Big 10.

Penn State, the newest member of the Big 10, was ranked with 26 other schools in the "best of the rest" of the first quartile. These schools, listed alphabetically with no explicit ranking, include three other Big 10 universities: Illinois, Pur-

due, and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Also included are Brandeis, Case Western Reserve, William and Mary, Georgia Tech, New York University, Rensselaer, Notre Dame, Tufts, Vanderbilt, several University of California campuses, and others.

Ranking among the 51 schools in the second quartile are Penn State's sister state-related universities, the University of Pittsburgh and Temple University. The second quartile includes four campuses of the State University of New York (SUNY), three University of California campuses, and five Big 10 universities: Ohio State, Indiana Univer-

sity at Bloomington, Michigan State, Iowa, Minnesota.

Quartiles three and four contain the additional 102 national universities.

Earlier this year, Penn State's graduate programs in engineering and business administration were ranked in the *U.S. News* survey of "America's Best Graduate Schools."

The MBA program of the Smeal College of Business Administration was ranked 20th overall and eighth among the public universities. The College of Engineering was ranked 18th overall and 10th among the publics.

PENN STATE DELCO'S HIGH SCHOOL VISITATION SCHEDULE

November 9, 1990	East Senior High School
November 9, 1990	Henderson High School
November 13, 1990	Interboro High School
November 14, 1990	Chichester High School
November 14, 1990	Brandywine High School
November 15, 1990	Chester High School
November 16, 1990	The Haverford School
November 16, 1990	The Baldwin School
November 27, 1990	Salesianum High School
November 27, 1990	Padua Academy
November 27, 1990	Archmere Academy
January 3, 1991	East Senior High School