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Check out the campus bookstore for a variety of great gift-giving ideas for holidays.

Photo by: DAVID RHOADES

### Gift Ideas for Harried Students

by Judith R. Belson

Having trouble finding a birthday or holiday present for that certain someone? Here are a few ideas; you can find some right on your own campus!

Season tickets to Penn State football games!

Tickets to the Memorial Concert Series at Delco. See Dr. Cooper.

Penn State squirt bottles (not only do they hold drinks, but pens and pencils, snacks, your bottlecap collection or make-up but not all at once!) Cost: \$2.50, and your purchase benefits the Campus Scholarship Fund. See an SGA officer in the Lion's Den.

Some Penn State clothing (especially a matching sweatshirt/sweatpants outfit)

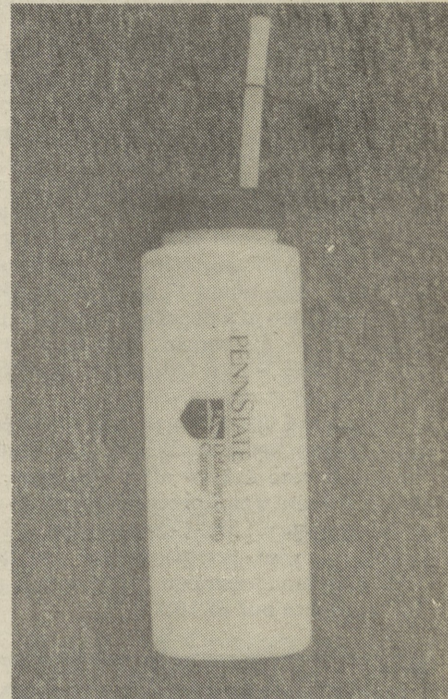
Even your friends who don't go to Penn State love to wear all kinds of college wear. Check it out in the campus bookstore.

A great book (like Scott Turow's Presumed Innocent or Burden of Proof or V.C. Andrew's Dawn. Hit the mall for these.

A boxed CD or cassette collection (new ones out are Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, David Bowie, The Wall, and Rubiyat, among others.)

Matching perfume/cologne sets (for those couples who do EVERYTHING together!). Aspen and California are two that smell out of this world, are inexpensive, and come in both women's and men's containers.

HAPPY SHOPPING!!!!



The ubiquitous Penn State squirt bottle!

Photo by: PATRICK KIM

## Delco Art Student Edges Out Hallmark; Creates Official Holiday Card for Campus

by Youngoak C. Marousky

Wouldn't it be great to design your own Holiday Card? Then to top it off, have it selected for the "Penn State Holiday Card of the Year?" Well, that is exactly what happened to Tonja Strampello's card.

Here's how it all came about. Ever since 1988, members of the Art 110 design class have been submitting Holiday Card designs to Campus Executive officer Dr. Ed Tomezsko in the hopes that one of them will be selected as the Holiday Card that will be sent out to the Campus Advisory Board, Penn State alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the campus. The project was started by art class instructor, Mrs. Connie Kirker in 1988.

This year the class of 24 students has completed thirteen various projects, including the submission of designs for this year's card. When completed, each art project is exhibited on the hall walls in the library building. The variously

designed cards were submitted in the middle of October.



Tonja Strampello holds her winning campus holiday greeting card.

Photo by: DIANA MICERI

The card selected was designed by Tonja Strampello, a liberal arts major. Her reaction was, "There was a chance that one of the class's cards would be selected, but I did not know that it would be mine." Miss Strampello wants to be a teacher for future young students. She said it would be great to be an art teacher.

Tonja Strampello's card was selected as the "Holiday Card of the Year" because the design is unique and relates specifically to the Delaware County Campus. It is also economically feasible to reproduce. It's snow-covered lion gives the feeling of the winter season. The card size will be 8 1/2" by 5 1/2". The holly berries and "seasons greetings" on the front will be in red. The rest of the card will be in black. Inside the card says "Season's Greetings from the Delaware County Campus." Anyone wanting more information about the card should contact Dr. Tomezsko's office.

Congratulations to Miss Tonja Strampello!

## '90 United Way Total Up 4% Over 1989

The Penn State, Delaware County Campus United Way campaign came to a close November 9. The final figures show that we donated a total of \$5,021. This figure was about 4% higher than last year's total, but 10% below our goal of \$5600. We are grateful for all of the generous donations. Thanks to your generosity, the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania will be able to carry-out its important mission to serve the needy in our community.

In the final prize drawing Linda Tenaglia and Ed McQuillen won gift certificates to Pace One Restaurant, Pearl Shannon won a one month membership to LeMaster Fitness Center, John Kovatch won a plant donated by Talerico Florists, and Marilyn Howard won a cheese steak from the Country Deli. Congratulations to all of you.

## Semester Numbers Up for University, But Down at Delco

Enrollment at Penn State for fall 1990 has risen to a record 70,978, with minority enrollments increasing to an all-time high of 4,977.

Contrary to trends found in many parts of the nation, Penn State again this year experienced a growth in student enrollment — 947 students more than last year.

University Park observed the single largest growth, with 38,364 students this fall — up by 843 from fall 1989.

Delco campus, however, experienced its first loss in many years. Enrollment here was down 164 students, about 5%, from fall, 1989. It was one of the largest percentage losses of all the Commonwealth Campuses.

University President Joab Thomas is delighted about the overall University growth.

"The growth in students that has been observed during the 1980s and that is continuing into the 1990s is a reflection of the quality educational experience we are able to offer our students," President Thomas said.

Despite the University's concerted ef-

orts to recruit and retain more minority students, however, the total number of African American students at Penn State decreased this year. This is the second such decrease in the past eight years.

"The University continues to be concerned about enrollment figures for African Americans," Dr. Thomas said. "We know the high school graduation rates for African Americans, as well as white students, have been on the decline, but we still think we should be able to overcome that declining pool in the African-American community."

Part of the decline in overall African American enrollment is due to a record number receiving degrees at Penn State last year. There were 408 African American graduates at Penn State for 1989-90, compared to 340 in 1988-89 and 256 in 1987-88.

That marks the fifth year in a row that the number of African American graduates at Penn State has increased. Overall, the number of African American students attending Penn State has increased 42 percent since

1982. Enrollment increases at Penn State consisted primarily of continuing students. Total University first-time freshmen actually decreased by 308 and first-time degree graduates decreased by 119 students.

Minority student enrollments observed an overall increase of 0.4 percent over all 1989 figures.

A breakdown by specific categories reveals:

— American Indian: 100 students, or 0.1 percent of the total, compared to 109 in 1989.

— Asian/Pacific Islander: 1,770 students in 1990, or 2.5 percent of the total, compared to 1,584 in 1989.

— Black, Non-Hispanic: 2,248 students in 1990, or 3.2 percent of the total, compared with 2,424 in 1989.

— Hispanic: 859 students in 1990, or 1.2 percent of the total, compared with 840 in 1989.

Among the campuses that observed strongest growth this year are Berks, with 176 additional students; Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, with

149 additional students; Penn State Harrisburg with 140 additional students; DuBois with 109 additional students; and Wilkes-Barre with 69 more students than last year.

Other locations, such as Altoona, observed a planned decrease in student population.

For the first time in recent years, the proportions of total University non-Pennsylvanian students decreased slightly, from 12.2 percent to 12.1 percent for undergraduates and from 33.9 percent to 32.7 percent for graduate and medical students.

**Library Is OPEN  
This Weekend!**

Saturday, December 8 1-9 pm  
Sunday, December 9 1-9 pm