



American Red Cross came to Delco to take blood from courageous Penn State volunteers.

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## Red Cross Collects 113 Pints From PSU Delco Students

By Roger Lee

The Red Cross Bloodmobile was held from 9 am to 7 pm in the student lounge in the main building on Wednesday, October 2. The blood you gave will be put to good use — every pint of blood saves the lives of five people.

People of our age involved in car accidents will be especially grateful for the blood you gave. Just think—you might even save your own life in the future.

Although it is a fact that NO diseases, including AIDS, can be contracted from giving blood, the

number of blood donors has dropped drastically. As many as 225 students, faculty, and others have given blood in the 80's, compared to only 75 people last year. All it takes is twenty to thirty minutes of your time to help save someone's life.

Your blood is needed, especially if you have type O blood. Type O is the universal donor, which means anyone can take it, and type AB blood is the universal recipient. All you need to do is drink a lot of fluids the night before and eat a good breakfast.

According to Ms. Beverly Lindsey, Chairperson of the Blood drive and retention counselor, a total of 113 people gave blood on Wednesday. Although the goal of the drive was 150 donors, it can be seen as a success in comparison to last year's total of only 140 people.

The next blood drive will be held on April 1. Ms. Lindsey hopes that the goal of 300 donors will be reached on April's drive. She suggested that "We should roll up our sleeves and give blood....a lot."

## Task Force Investigates Undergrad Ed.

Penn State's Campaign for Excellence, a report on the condition of undergraduate education at Penn State, includes specific recommendations for improvement in instruction and learning.

In a report presented September 20 to the Board of Trustees, Scott Ketchmar, Chairperson of the Task Force on Undergraduate Education, said eight of the recommendations deal with instruction, thirteen address the need to elevate the academic atmosphere, and eight look at energizing the learning process.

The 20-member Task Force compared the quality of education at Penn State to that provided by other large public research institutions. They also examined national trends in higher education and identified possible initiatives Penn State could take to enhance the undergraduate experience.

The report identifies three conditions that must exist before any change can occur: 1) leadership from the top, 2) necessary resources, and 3) a reliable system of evaluation.

President Thomas has already

stated his commitment to enhancing undergraduate education. He has also stated plans to raise expectations and increase accountability for the use of resources.

Specifically recommend by the Task Force were:

—Establishing a commission on undergraduates education to promote visibility, continuity, and accountability.

—Offering more small classes in order to stimulate student involvement and learning.

—Increasing numbers of courses taught by senior and full-time faculty.

—Initiating a major, multi-year fundraising effort targeting undergraduate education.

—Adopting a "3-cell" promotion and tenure review structure for faculty that includes teaching, scholarship, and service.

"Penn State is a distinctive institution, both in scope and structure," Ketchmar said. "It is a University on the rise that is well-managed with hard-working and

dedicated faculty and staff. It has mustered the resources required to reach goals it believes in, and we see no reason why these goals cannot be met."

## Delco Women's Commission Seeks Affirmative Action

By Frances Callahan

The Commission for Women was formed in 1981, when the University's "Perspective on the 80's: Agenda for Action" observed that the diversity of society was not reflected in the University faculty and staff, even after six years of affirmative action. The women of the Commission were appointed to:

1. Contribute to the academic climate for women.
2. Serve as both focus and forum for women's issues.
3. Coordinate programs and dissemination of information for women.
4. Advocate women's issues through advice, consultation, or special studies.

Over the years, changes occurred: as various issues presented themselves, the Commission's mission expanded and led to the establishment of new programs such as the Center for Women Students, the Women's Studies Program, and the Affirmative Action Program. A Strategic Study Group on the Status of Women returned 192 recommendations, which the University endeavors to implement.

Goals and priorities are set yearly. For 1990-1991, the goals are:

1. Oversee the job reclassification study of the Office of Human Resources.
2. Support University employment of women in all levels and categories.
3. Work for and encourage changing attitudes toward women.

in workplace, classroom, and community.

4. Work for more flexible benefits for University employees.

5. Support efforts of women of color to achieve equality.

6. Monitor issues in women's athletics and the Big Ten Conference.

In 1986, the Commission visited each of the Commonwealth Campuses to promote campus liaison groups. As a result, Liaison Committees have been formed at various University sites, including Delaware County. The goals of the Liaison Committee resemble those of the Commission, but are flexible enough to allow for local issues.



Any member of the campus community is welcome to attend Liaison Committee meetings, except for business or confidential meetings, and may speak to the Commission with four days' prior notice, although the speaking time may be limited. Meetings are held in the Commons Building, and are scheduled for October 16, 12:30 PM, October 23, 12:30 PM, and November 19, 11:30 AM.

## BSL Elects Officers, Plans Year's Events

By Kemba Vick

On Thursday September 3rd the first official meeting of the Penn State Delco -Black Student League was held. It was an opportunity for the old members to meet the new and to discuss the B.S.L.'s future plan of events. According to Beverly Lindsey, one of the BSL Advisors, the enrollment of the organization has almost doubled, and everyone in attendance was pleased with the turn out.

The meeting began with the introduction of the Executive Board. They are as follows: David Clements Jr., as President, Kathleen Jackson as Vice President, Kemba Vick as Treasurer, and Khadejah Sutton as Secretary.

This semester the B.S.L. plans to

initiate a Big Brother- Big Sister program for its members, tutoring sessions, bake sales, and a raffle to sponsor the Myra Dillingham Scholarship, in honor of a former campus staff member.

Mrs Lindsey hopes this year will be very prominent for the B.S.L. as do the other advisors, Waverly Coleman, Carolyn Boswell and Susan Ware.

Mrs Lindsey also wanted to point out that B.S.L. meetings are open to anyone, minority or non-minority, who is sympathetic to the needs of African-Americans on this campus and abroad. Anyone interested in membership can contact Mrs Lindsey in room 105 or attend future meetings whose times and dates are posted.