

Club Update:

Lots To Do In February

By Bob Lewis

"Spring" hardly seems the appropriate label to put on this semester. Inclement weather has certainly caused havoc among the campus clubs, organizations, and their schedules. To date most programs have been postponed or at least delayed. The following clubs however are still attempting to get back on schedule:

Student Government has posted all of their upcoming events on the calendar in the hallway of the main building; changes will be posted there as new dates and times become available.

Lion Ambassadors will be hosting a volleyball marathon, with proceeds going to the Leukemia Society. This event will be scheduled for sometime in February. Contact Allen McMillan, Don Mewha or Madam Marianne Rhodes, Public Relations, for details. Watch for postings around campus.

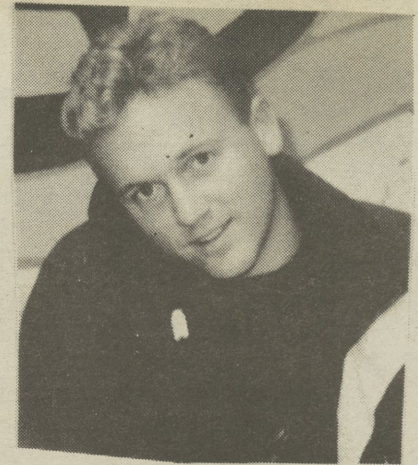
The Media Club in Partnership with Teresa Walls, Instructional Services will be involved with the "Cultures of Asia" productions.

Contact Allen McMillan or Teresa Walls for more information.

Adult Student Organization will be selling soft pretzels back at the same old stand. Student volunteers are now being recruited. Contact Chuck McCarthy if you are interested in helping out. The Organization is attempting to develop an Adult Scholarship Fund. Volunteers are needed on Monday, Wednesday, or Fridays, between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The Camera Club is recruiting students for this exciting activity. The club boasts a fully equipped darkroom and plenty of opportunities to shoot and develop. Contact Wes Tomlinson for more information.

There are many clubs and organizations on campus. Their success is contingent upon your support. Many events and programs for this Spring Semester have been planned; however the unpredictable weather has caused adjustments to be made in their schedules. The next issue of *The Lion's Eye* will have a more complete club update and schedules of other events and programs.



Lion Ambassador Club President, Allen McMillan calling his members.

Photo by: WES TOMLINSON

Get Friendly With An Air Bag

By Phillip Hoertz

Penn State Delaware County Campus is located in area of high density traffic, and a high percentage of the student population deals with this traffic on a daily basis. Most students have accepted the safety feature of the seat belt, but now air bags are being promoted too.

In a recent survey of motorists, by AAA Keystone Automotive, eighty-nine percent said they believe the air bag protected them from injury, and seventy-six percent said it protected them "a lot." Only four of the 215 motorists questioned said they don't want an air bag in their next car.

However, studies have also shown that air bags in cars can cause occupant injuries. The trouble with this statement is that it can be blown out of proportion. The truth is that, while air bags do cause injuries, most of them are minor. More importantly, air bags are preventing serious injuries and saving lives.

When air bag injuries happen, they occur while the air bags are still inflating. People injured this way often are not wearing a seat belt or they are sitting too close to the steering wheel. In these cases, the drivers or passengers moved forward enough to contact the bag early in its inflation.

Young drivers will not find any one occupant protection device that will totally eliminate traffic accident injury. If there was a product that would save 99% of the people it was supposed to protect, but one person died, would the product be a flop? Of course not. Air bags are functional occupant protection devices. Look for them on the next car you buy.



Camera Club President, Wes Tomlinson, looking to "enlarge" the club membership.

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News Briefs:

Hiring Is Up; Pollution Down

By Jane Resides

Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education announced that college and university faculty members will research interest in health physics-related technical areas may apply for the U.S. Department of Energy 1994 Health Physics Faculty Research Award (HPFRA) Program. Awards for 1994-95 will be up to \$50,000.

Deadline for the application is Feb. 28, 1994. Contact Leslie Gosslee, HPFRA Program, Science/Engineering Division, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, P.O. 117, Oak Ridge, TN. 37831-0117, (616) 576-1078.

The College Placement Council, Inc., in Bethlehem, PA says employers anticipate a better year in 1993-94 recruiting season. They expect hiring to be up 5.9 percent over the '92-93 season.

While the hiring outlook shows improvement, on-campus recruiting will be down. This year, 32 percent of the employers responding to a survey plan to decrease the number of campuses they will visit, while 44 percent plan to visit the same number as last year. Low inflation and a tight job market kept increases in starting salaries down in '92-93 and will remain the same for the '93-94. Some employers do have a favorable outlook. Cost cuts and restructuring has been accomplished, leading to performance improvements.

House Republican Leader, Matthew Ryan alerted fisherman, boaters, and other outdoor enthusiasts to contact the State Fish and Boat Commission to report incidents of water pollution. Call the Clean Water Hotline 1-800-854-7365.

Caller ID, the phone service available in New Jersey could be available in PA later this year. Gov. Casey signed a law allowing caller identification devices to be placed in phones. Marry Ellen Alu, wrote in the Feb. issue of the *Morning Call* that consumer groups and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence was initially opposed because of privacy concerns and civil rights issues. The service won't be available until September.

Acupuncture? Ouch!

By Wes Tomlinson

A demonstration and lecture on Chinese acupuncture captivated the interest of students and faculty February 3 in the Main Lounge. A fifth generation Traditional Chinese doctor, Dr. Xu is a nationally certified acupuncturist and a member of the American Association of Acupuncturists and Oriental Medicine.

The first demonstration patient was Jere Stephens, a Penn State graduate student visiting from the Great Valley campus. "I've had a severe migraine headache for the past two days, aspirin and Tylenol hasn't helped so I thought I would come to the Delco campus and try this acupuncture treatment," she explained. Dr. Xu sat her in a chair and carefully placed thin needles in the temple area of her head, her neck, and her wrists. Every few minutes, he twisted the needles. She said that she could feel the pressure but that it was not painful. After about a half hour, when asked how she felt. Ms. Stephens said, "The headache is gone."

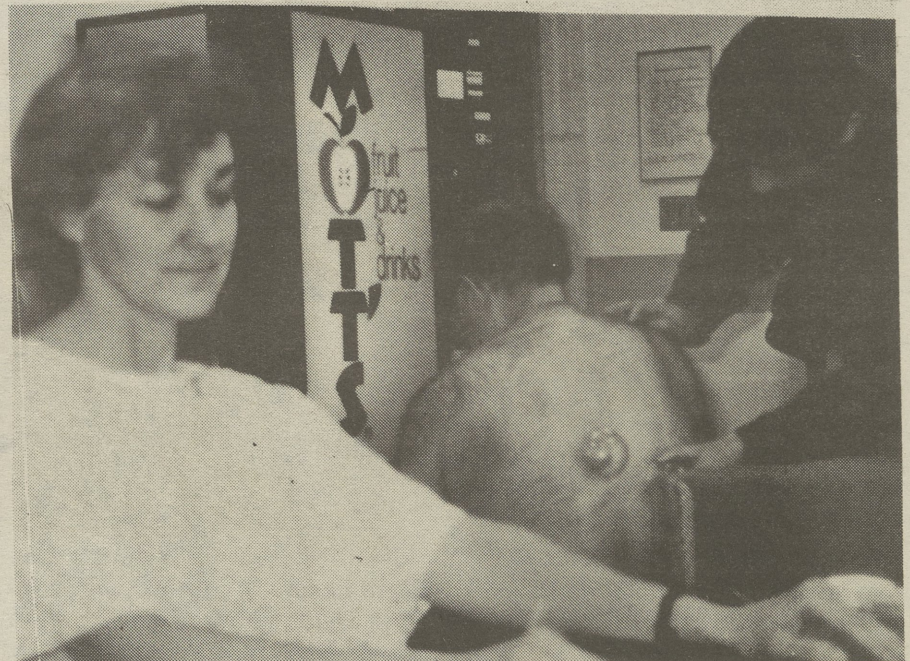
Another patient was Dr. Martin Eisen, a Professor of Mathematics at Temple University, who specializes in constructing mathematical models in medicine. He has also taught Physiology and Biophysics at the Temple Dental School and the University of Maryland Medical School. In treating Dr. Eisen for a back problem, Dr. Xu removed his shirt and placed several needles in Dr. Eisen's shoulders and down his spinal column. The needles were twisted every few minutes. After grayish material called *artisma vulgaris* was placed on the outside ends of the needles, it was set on fire, so that plumes of fragrant smoke floated to the ceiling. Asked how the procedure felt, Dr. Eisen replied, "It doesn't hurt, but I can feel the extra heat energy."

Dr. Xu also used suction cups on Dr. Eisen's back in a treatment to improve circulation, which caused

silver dollar size round red marks on his skin. Dr. Eisen said the cups did not hurt.

Dr. Xu's printed material explains, "Thousands of years of clinical experience led to effective treatments. Later, this knowledge was organized through Chinese philosophy using the concepts of energy (Qi) and change (Yin-Yang theory). If Qi is not excessive or deficient in any part of the body, a person is well. Disease is the result of unbalanced Qi." It adds, "Abnormal Qi variations can be detected by symptoms, such as heat, redness, diarrhea (too much Qi) or coldness, whiteness, constipation (too little Qi). Qi is balanced by eliminating symptoms."

Dr. Xu began studying medicine with his father, attended Jian Chang Medical School in northern China, did postgraduate work in Western Medicine at the Chao Yang Medical School. He was a staff physician at the Beijing General Hospital.



Patients Jere Stephens and Dr. Martin Eisen receive acupuncture treatment from Dr. Xu.

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