



Kids at the Keystone Honor Society's pie throwing fundraiser.

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Cheers to Our Award Winners!

By James Foltz

"And the award goes to..."

Congratulations to Erica Parks who received the Eric A. and Josephine Walker Award, to Charles McCarthy who received the Outstanding Service Award and to Marie Elias-Nieves who received the Outstanding Adult Student Award on April 27 during an awards ceremony held during the common's hour.

According to memos sent out "the Eric A. and Josephine Walker Award was established by Penn State to honor its outstanding Commonwealth Campus students. It was created and funded by the 12th President and his wife. The award will recognize Commonwealth Campus students whose outstanding qualities have been directed into programs and services that have positively influenced fellow students and have contributed to the reputation of the University as a whole.

"The Outstanding Service Award is given to a student who, during the past year, has performed extraordinary service both to the campus and to the community.

"The Outstanding Adult Student Award recognizes an adult student who demonstrates initiative, tenacity and flexibility in overcoming obstacles to furthering his/her education; who serves as a role model for other adult students by sensitizing the institution to the needs of adult students and by establishing him/herself as a leader in the peer group; who achieves academic excellence as measured by cumulative grade point average; and whose clearly defined short and long term goals reflect the values and ideals of higher education."

Also, congratulations to each student who received certificates for his/her participation in an activity or organization at Penn State Delco.

Book Buy-Back!

The campus bookstore will be open extended hours next week, so students can sell unneeded textbooks back to the bookstore after their exams.

The extended hours are:

Monday, May 2- 8:30-7:00pm

Thursday, May 5- 8:30-7:00pm

Friday, May 6- 8:30-5:30pm

Deer Ticks Invade Delco

By Jennifer Holland

During the past few weeks, many students have been outside on the campus enjoying the sun. After all that horrible snow and ice, they just couldn't wait to bring out those shorts and T-shirts. Between classes, students will play football or just layout on the grass. True, it is now that perfect time of year. However, it can also be fatal.

Delaware is among the ten counties that are highest at risk for Lyme disease. This disease was first recognized in Sweden in the year 1908, and identified in the United States in 1975 among the residents of Lyme, Connecticut.

Lyme disease is transmitted by ticks infected with *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which is a bacteria. These ticks search for host animals from the tips of grasses and shrubs and then transfer themselves to animals or persons who brush against vegetation. The most common areas where they usually attach themselves to include the groin, armpits, and scalp.

Each night, many deer throughout the Delaware County area roam Delco campus. Because the risk of exposure to ticks is greatest in the woods and garden areas, these deer have a high chance of carrying the ticks to Delco.

May, June, and July are the

months when the highest chances of being bitten by a deer tick may occur. The early stage of Lyme disease is marked by flulike symptoms such as fever, headache, chills, fatigue, and muscle and joint pains. A rash may or may not result. This rash, erythema migrans, is the most common characteristic of Lyme disease. It begins as a red circular patch, which can appear 3 days to 1 month after the tick bite. It will then expand. Common areas of the rash include the thigh, trunk, armpit, and groin. The rash is usually painless.

Symptoms in late-stage Lyme disease can occur from weeks to years after the bite. Arthritis and abnormalities of the nervous system are such symptoms.

There are some important steps to protecting oneself from tick bites. Light colored clothing can be helpful in spotting the ticks. Though it may be too hot, try wearing long sleeved shirts and pants. When coming in from the outside, carefully inspect your body. Remove any attached ticks with a tweezer. Ticks can be identified at the Penn State Cooperative Extension Office in your county, free of charge.

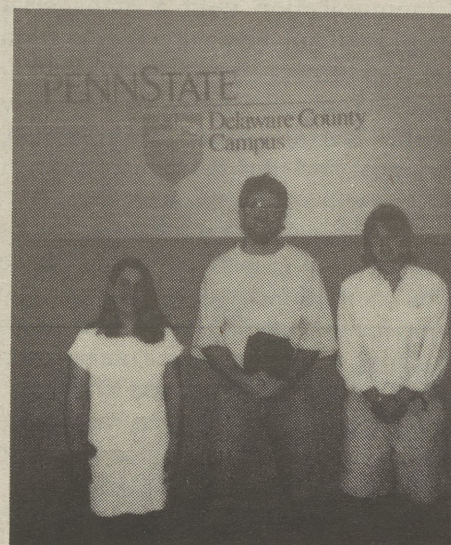
For further information of Lyme disease, contact the Penn State Research Lab at 814-863-7076. You can also seek help from your family doctor, the local health department, and the local veterinarian.



Erica Parks winner of the Walker Award with Pete Colemand and Jodi DelRossi (l to r).



Maria Elias-Nievas winner of the Outstanding Adult Student Award with Sylvia Schaffer (r to l).

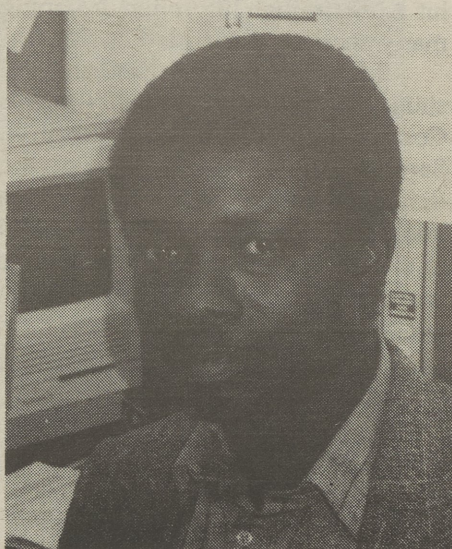


Chuck McCarthy (middle) winner of the Outstanding Service Award with Jodi DelRossi (l) and Melissa McConnell (r).



John Terrell, Instructor, Accounting co-winner of the 1994 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award.

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John Baffoe-Bonnie, Economics Prof. co-winner of 1994 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award.

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