



Students and faculty sign the Martin Luther King banner during the MLK celebration.

## Hollywood Spotlight: Jackson Controversy Continues

By Lisa Colucci

Comments have been flying because of the recent Hollywood divorce. Three days after Michael Jackson collapsed on stage, Lisa Marie filed for divorce.

Critics called the marriage of Michael and Lisa controversial. Many people thought that Michael used the marriage as a coverup for the child molestation charges against him.

The media had a field day when the divorce was announced. Sarcastic comments flooded the newspapers, magazines, and television stations.

Many students at Delco had opinions too. "I don't think that the marriage was real", said Pamela Smith, first semester, undeclared. "About the sarcastic remarks, I feel that the situation was completely blown out of proportion because Michael is a star.

If it were anyone else, the press wouldn't care."

What is Michael Jackson? Michael Jackson is an entertainer. Michael is also a role model. Who is Michael a role model for? Wouldn't you assume it to be other entertainers? Therefore, these fans would probably emulate the way Michael sings and dances, not what he does behind closed doors.

Personally, I consider some of the stories about the rich and famous to be a complete invasion of privacy. The press tends to emphasize the bad and skip over the good when it comes to people in the entertainment field. Famous people have problems, but so does everyone else.

Let's concentrate on the amazing talent Michael Jackson brings to the stage and forget about his personal life. It is none of our business anyway!

## Students Take Successful Spanish Tour

By Jaclyn Fried

*¡Viva Espana!* These words are shouted from the lips of seventy Delco students who went to Madrid, Spain, over winter break. While earning up to six credits, members of the group spent a week in Spain's capital from December 29 to January 6. Some also took day trips to the nearby historic towns of Segovia, Toledo, and Barcelona.

The group consisted of not only students, but also family, friends and Penn State alumni. The faculty members that accompanied the group were Dr. Alessandra Graves, Dr. Alita Kelley, and Ms. Connie Kirker. They taught the optional classes of Masterpieces of Spanish Literature in English translation, Iberian Civilization, and the Arts. Each was worth three credits. (A student could take up to two classes or none at all.)

Although these classes are based on Spanish culture, the students taking them were not Spanish majors, but rather any major, from Liberal Arts to DUS to Biology. This diversified group included freshmen, sophomores, and adult students. A majority of the students were not familiar with the Spanish language, and almost no one in the group spoke fluent Spanish.

However, armed with their pocket dictionaries, they survived the week, depending on the English-speaking Spaniards.

This trip was the first of its nature for Penn State Delco, and the largest to be launched by any of the Penn State campuses. Before the trip, some of the faculty were concerned about its success. However, ask anyone on campus who went and they will tell you of days spent in picturesque towns, guarded by castles on hillsides and nights in the city that literally never sleeps. Their Spanish odyssey was a huge success.



¡Hola Chicos! from the Delco students, faculty and friends traveling through Segovia, Spain. Photo by Jaclyn Fried

## Dr. Cimbala Writes Again . . . New Book Right on Target

By Nicholas Felici

Dr. Stephen Cimbala, Professor of Political Science, has produced yet another book in a series of defense and military strategic issues. According to Dr. Cimbala's thesis in his latest work, *Clinton and Post-Cold War Defense*, the assumptions that Clinton would slash defense spending are mostly propagandized.

As it is slowly turning out, Dr. Cimbala notes, Clinton's defense plan seems more and more like its Bush predecessor. The public relations on Clinton's defense spending program was not a sweeping success. The general idea was that he would eliminate key defense funds. That has not been the case.

"Clinton quickly got off on the wrong foot with the Pentagon brass," Cimbala stated, "with his very public struggle with gays in the military." He also points out his draft evasion during the Vietnam War, and his shaky Secretary of Defense, Les Aspin.

Dr. Cimbala has written over a dozen books on similar issues, including *Military Persuasion* (1994), *U.S. Nuclear Strategy in the New World Order* (1993), and *Nuclear Endings* (1989).

On the subject of Bosnia and whether or not sending troops was beneficial for the Clinton campaign, Dr. Cimbala notes, "If it works, it will help reelect him by brushing up his image. If it does not work, it will cost him at the polls."

## Delco Offers Employment for Students with Special Needs

By Laurie Koechert

Many new faces have been seen on campus this semester: new professors, new students, and new workers.

This semester the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU) is providing jobs to special needs students right here at Delco. Five students have been assigned to this campus by the DCIU to learn every day job skills. One of their hardest things to adapt to is learning how to be a good employee which involves being punctual and working with other employees.

The students work one to two days a week. The rest of their week is spent in special education classes at local high schools. Each student, however, may be on different levels of the academic program.

They usually stay in school until they are 21 years of age. Up until that point the DCIU assists in providing the essential training that special needs individuals must obtain in order to go out in the real world of work. After the age of 21 the students are on their own and the DCIU is out of the picture. Individuals will then contact the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) to help get paid employment and to stay with it.

Connie Reeder, Job Site Coordinator, and Debbie Lathbury, job

trainer, both monitor the students that are working on campus, evaluate them on their performance and hold employer evaluations to learn of the student's behavior as an employee. A Travel Trainer is also needed to help students get to their job site. These instructors guide the students throughout the program.

"This program gives students the opportunity to experience job skills and what expectations they have at work. It also exposes them to be in situations around their own peers," said Diane Jankowski, Director of Business Services at Delco, who helped set up the program at Delco.



Elizabeth from the Delaware County Intermediate Unit gets on-the-job training a few days a week in Delco's Cafeteria. Photo by Jaclyn Fried

## Letter to the Editor: Mo' Money

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the task without your help. The Implementation Committee is seeking student input to assist us as we decide what activities and experiences the fee will fund and what process will allocate the money.

Where would you like your Student Activity Fee money spent? How would you like to see the money allocated? If any student has ideas about answering these important questions, the Implementation Committee is soliciting your help. Written suggestions can be sent to:

The Student Activity Fee Implementation Committee  
c/o Kara Annechini, USG President  
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Whatever the idea, we would like to hear it. Students, do not let this opportunity pass you by. This is your money, speak up and be heard.

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