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## Take Me Drunk — I'm Home

By Amy A. Winnemore

You don't need beer to have a good time.

How many Penn State students would actually admit to that? Well, some may change their minds during Alcohol Awareness Week which runs October 21 through 25.

The activities begin with a nonalcohol mixer in the Lion's Den on Tuesday 22, followed with a movie on binge drinking which starts at 11:30.

On Thursday the 24, state police trooper Robert Dodge will speak to students about the effects of drunk driving.

"Last year he had someone drink a whole case of beer in a certain amount of time, and then gave him the standard drunk driving test and a breathalyzer," says Raquel Arrendondo, coordinator of the activities and programs planned.

SGA Ghost Day will be going on Friday the 25. A number of students will have their faces painted white to mark the number of people killed each hour by drunk driving.

"A lot of students think they know everything there is to know about alcohol, but sometimes people need a reminder about how dangerous it can be," says Margie Henry, a first semester Communication major.

All events are open to the entire campus community.

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Delco students and faculty held a gathering on September 20 in memory of Melanie Spalla and in support of Nicholas Mensah, two students shot at University Park three days before.

## Delco Joins U. Park In Memorial

By Erin Lulevitch

The recent outbreak of terror and violence that took place at University Park on September 17 has forced many students to take a renewed look at campus security. According to student and part-time security officer Bill Mawn (senior, liberal arts), what happened at the park can only be described as an "unexpected act of violence."

Fortunately, the Delaware County campus has had no previous history of violence comparable to the Park's. However, campus records indicate that everything from hub caps to cars have been stolen in the past. But full-time security officer Brian Finney is quick to assure all students

that these kinds of violations are of the extreme and out of the norm.

Current issues of concern do exist. Recently, there have been reports of students being approached by unstable strangers (believed to be from Mirmont, the local Drugs and Alcohol Treatment Center) asking for money. If this should happen to you, be sure to file a report with campus security immediately in room 116 main.

According to Mr. Finney, a lot of students have also been reporting "missing" text books believed to be stolen. If anyone feels that their books have been taken, a report should be made not only to security, but to the campus bookstore as well. This will help prevent whoever took the books from selling them back to the bookstore

for money.

In addition, Brian Finney requests all students to get their parking permits, which are free of charge, located in room 116 main if they haven't already done so and display them! Next year this task will hopefully be eliminated by becoming part of the registration process.

If you should ever be faced with an emergency on campus dial 911. You can also reach the security office at (610) 892-1215 or by cellular phone at 420-5331 (dial an "8" first if using a campus phone). Even if you don't have an emergency but something on or around campus is making you feel uneasy, don't be afraid to contact security. It's better to be safe than

## Give Blood For People Like Tom

By Lisa Colucci

Tom Herm, a PSU Delco freshman, needed twelve pints of blood on Saturday night, September 28, in order to survive. Hit by a driver going approximately ninety to ninety-five miles per hour on Baltimore Pike, Tom and his cousin Ryan McNelia were pushed two hundred feet in their Ford Thunderbird by the impact of the other

"Tom would've died without the twelve pints of blood used in the transfusions; he needed it right away," said Delco student Colleen Kelly, Tom's cousin.

Tom suffered massive internal bleeding and multiple injuries of the bones and organs. It is amazing that he survived. He will be in the hospital

for a long time.

People like Tom are the reason why all eligible Delco students should report to the main lounge on October 16 to donate blood during the fall semester Blood Drive sponsored by

the Red Cross.

"I give blood to help those who may live because of my donations," said Todd Wilkins, third semester, nursing major.

The campus goal for the Blood Drive is for at least seventy-five members of the campus community to donate this year. However, a lot more are needed.

Do you have a family member or a friend with cancer? If so, donating blood is also a way that you can help

this type of patient.

"In the past I've given blood and encourage others to do it because I have seen it improve the lives of family members through chemotherapy," said Bill Brannick, third semester communications major.

Blood platelets are used for chemotherapy, cancer's number one

If you are still looking for an incentive to give blood, here are two: only a few minutes of your time and free food! The actual process only takes about ten minutes, and there will be lots of donuts and juice.

The people that donated the blood used for Tom Herm helped save his life. You could save lives too!



Mark Johnston (third semester, political science), generously donated blood at Delco's blood drive last year.