

"Sisters With Voices"

By Cynthia Moore

Penn State Delco supports March as a time to celebrate the accomplishments of women in history. Throughout the month events are offered in which everyone may take part. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about women from the past, as well as goals women in the nineties are reaching. Some of the activities held on campus this month include a luncheon, a discussion and shows highlighting females.

The first activity will be a presentation about the influence of Afro-American women on 20th century music. In "Sisters With Voices", the focus will range from jazz greats such as Bessie Smith and Billie Holiday to Philadelphia's own soul diva, Patti LaBelle. All are encouraged to attend the event on March 5, from 12:30 - 1:30 in the large conference room of the commons.

One aspect of womens history is the fight for equal rights. Part of this documentation was captured on film or by acamera. The history of women during the Civil Rights era will be the focus on March 17, during common hour, in the student lounge of the main

building. Also included in the presentation, will be guest speaker Lillian Green from the Balch Institute. Photography and poetry will be adapted from, "Through the lens: Civil Rights and Film and Photography."

On March 19 during common hour in the large conference room a presentation will be held concerning the effects of eating disorders on females in America. Although eating disorders may affect either sex, the discussion will be centered around the connection with females and body image.

Sexuality and menopause will be the topic of discussion on March 20. There will be a guest speaker who has done reseach on Akikuyu women of Kenya. Wanjiru Kamau, of University Park, will talk about her experiences and knowledge she has aquired through interviews during her trip to Africa last fall. To learn more about women in other cultures attend the discussion from 11:30 - 1:00, in the large conference room

Another activity to take place on campus is the annual Women's Commission Luncheon. The theme for this years event is "Paris in the Spring".

College Meetings Planned

By Paul Basilio and Audie Miller

Many students can easily ruin their college careers because of a lack of understanding about courses, credits, and majors. It doesn't have to be that way and it doesn't have to happen to you.

The easiest way to get helpful information that can aid you in your choices is to attend your College Meeting. College Meetings will be held March 26 during common hour in various rooms throughout campus. At the meetings, students are given information to help them select courses for the fall semester. "Times change," explains Linda Campitelli, Advising Coordinator. "College Meetings are where students find out any changes in requirements for their particular major."

Summer course schedules were made available in the registrar's office (105 Main) February 14, and registration began February 28.

During the second week in April, registration begins for Fall '97 semester classes. The schedule of classes for both semesters is accessible through Gopher, which can be reached through the Penn State Delaware County Campus homepage.

New urban education and elementary education classes are being offered to students in those respective majors. Several courses are also expected for the new business degree. The names and descriptions of these courses are still in development.

In addition, students need to see their advisers. "It is very alarming to me to discover students are not doing that," says Joyce Rigby, Registrar. "Students need to look at more than what time the classes meet."

Meeting with their adviser regularly can help students avoid scheduling unnecessary courses or courses that may not count for their major. If not, college may turn out to be a five or six year plan.



Lion's den groupies roll the furniture outside to enjoy the sun in style.

Delco Offers Financial Help

By Ryan Dougherty

Need Money?

If you have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and an affinity for getting involved, a scholarship could be your answer. Penn State Delco is offering 14 endowed scholarships and 11 special prizes to those students who qualify.

The purpose of these scholarships is to recognize Delco students whose leadership, character, and participation in activities has positively impacted this campus. While a good GPA is essential, recipients must also demonstrate citizenship.

More than 400 letters went out on February 7 to students who were potential recipients of the scholarships and awards. In order to receive a letter, a student needed a 3.0 or above GPA at the end of Fall 96. Students also needed to be of full time status, as well as members of this campus for at least two semesters.

With the escalating cost of tuition these days, a well deserved scholarship can really make things easier on students. Delco student Michael Tygh (Fourth Semester, Meteorology) was awarded an Earth and Mineral Science scholarship while studying at University Park.

"The scholarship really helped out when it came time to pay tuition," he commented.

John Williams, (Fourth Semester, Liberal Arts), who earned a scholarship after his second semester, commented that "It's great to be recognized in a positive light by the school. I used the scholarship as motivation to work hard last semester."

If you meet the requirements of earning a scholarship and did not receive a letter, visit Dr. George Franz (118 Vairo) for full details. Keep in mind that these scholarships are for any eligible student who takes advantage of them. Go ahead and find out what's available!

Time For "Major" Decisions

By Laurie Koechert

Have you declared a major but are just not sure where it is headed? Do you know what you want to do, but are not sure what to expect? If so, then this is the time to get a move on.

Two programs are being offered for students who have questions about their field of study or who are concerned about requirements in their field.

The Career Information Fair on March 19 will be held in the main lounge from 12 to 2 for students seeking advice from experienced professionals in various businesses. "The Career Information Fair is a great opportunity for students who are undecided or those who have a major, to make educated decisions about particular work requirements," commented Sharmon Bryant, career counselor.

The object of the fair is for students to talk with people in their field of study to discuss the pros and cons of that profession. People from all majors and fields will be present and willing to share with students what to consider upon entering that type of work.

Another opportunity to take advantage of is the Alumni Career Connection, a program designed to give students a greater inside experience and detailed information about their particular area of work. "The whole concept of this connection

is net-working, making contacts with those who can help in your career. It provides students exposure to activities related to their major and establishes a relationship between the classroom with the real world," said Bryant.

The idea of the program is to connect students, according to their major, with a Penn State alumnus who works in that field and is willing to share their daily experiences with the students.

Anyone interested in signing up for the Alumni Career Connection may do so on March 26 during their college meetings. Students will also receive letters in the mail about the program in the beginning of March.

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