

# Broaden Your Horizons Take a Trip With PSU

By Cynthia Moore

*"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness. Broad, wholesome, charitable views cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth."*  
-Mark Twain

Penn State Delco is hosting trips to Spain, France, and Senegal during the 97-98 school year. As well as expanding ones views, students who attend a trip have the opportunity to earn credits. Depending on their destination, students may attain up to 6 credits in courses such as English, French, Spanish, and art history. The courses will be centered around the week of the trip, but will also require the student to meet with the professor or keep in contact through e-mail a few times during the semester. There is no additional fee for the credits, if the student is registered for full-time.

During winter break, a group of students will board a plane headed for southern Spain. The group will spend the week sightseeing Granada, Seville, Madrid, and Torremolinos. All travel expenses to these places are covered in the full price of the trip at \$898, along with 6 nights of hotel costs and

a buffet style breakfast every morning.

Spending springtime in Paris is a possibility for anyone with a desire to go and about \$860 to spare. During the week of March 7, 1998, a group of people will leave Newark airport and take off for a week of European culture. The cost of the trip includes round trip trans-Atlantic plane tickets, 6 nights hotel accommodations, breakfast daily, and tickets to the fashion show at Le Printemps.

If West Africa piques your interest, sign on for the trip to Senegal. From May 24 - 31, after the spring semester lets out, a bunch of people will take a plane to Paris, then transfer on to another plane which will take them to Dakar, Senegal. During the week in Senegal, a small trip to the island of Goree will allow for a chance to experience even more native adventure. The cost for this trip is about \$1295 and it includes hotel accommodations, flight fares and a continental breakfast every morning.

Anyone interested in broadening their horizons should contact Joyce Rigby, Penn State registrar at 892-1401 to sign up for the courses, or call Celestial Voyages at 1-800-651-6262 for more information about the trips.



Penn State Delco aggressively competes against Abington in a strenuous match.  
Photo by Lea Anne McGoldrick

## English Professors Do More Than Just Teach

By Cynthia Moore

Ever wonder what the professors at Penn State Delco do with their free time? Since they are a scholarly group, the answer is intense study and research in the fields of their interests. These outside of the classroom activities range from writing books and poetry, to giving talks at other college campuses. The faculty of the English department is especially busy right now.

A book about the life of Mary Moody Emerson, and the direct impact she had on her nephew Ralph Waldo Emerson, is in the process of being written by Dr. Phyllis Cole, associate professor of English. A few years ago, Dr. Cole was in the basement of the rare book library at Harvard University when she came across the diaries of Mary Moody Emerson. While reading through the passages, Dr. Cole discovered that much of what Ralph Waldo Emerson is famous for having published was taught to him by his aunt who was never credited for her unique views. When being asked about the release of the book, Dr. Cole noted, "I'm expecting to have the book out by January."

Dr. Adam J. Sorkin, professor of English, has recently published a book of translated Romanian poetry. *Transylvania Voices: An Anthology of Contemporary Poets of Cluj Napoca* is a new, revised version of the book containing more than 150 poems by 23 poets. This edition was translated and edited by both Dr. Sorkin and Liviu Bleoca. In addition to having his book published, Dr. Sorkin has recently won a Crossing Boundaries Writing Award from the magazine *International Quarterly* for his translation of a short story by Daniela Crasnaru.

Dr. Arnold A. Markley, associate professor of English, recently presented a paper on the use of gender disguise in Mary Shelley's literary work. The Keats-Shelley Association

of America hosted the conference at the City University of New York Graduate Center last May. Dr. Markley also traveled to England to present a paper on Mary Shelley's short fiction at the Anglia Polytechnic University in September. He was also involved in a discussion on the future of Mary Shelley's literary influence.

An intense look at Charlotte Perkins Gilman's short stories was the focus the second annual conference honoring her last June. Carol F. Kessler, professor of English, American Studies, and women's studies, gave a talk called "Dreaming Always of Lovely Things Beyond: Living Towards 'Herland'".

The next time a professor appears to be absent minded, consider the fact that the great American novel may be brewing in his or her mind.



Penn In Hand

The campus literary magazine is now accepting submissions of poetry, essays, and black line art work for possible publication. Drop off submissions at the Student Life Office by Friday, November 14. Questions should be directed to the Editor, Cynthia Moore by e-mail at cxm291. All students and faculty are encouraged to participate. All judging is anonymous. Include name, address, and phone number on each submission.



Delco's soccer team, made up of mostly younger players, fought hard through a tough season.  
Photo by Lea Anne McGoldrick

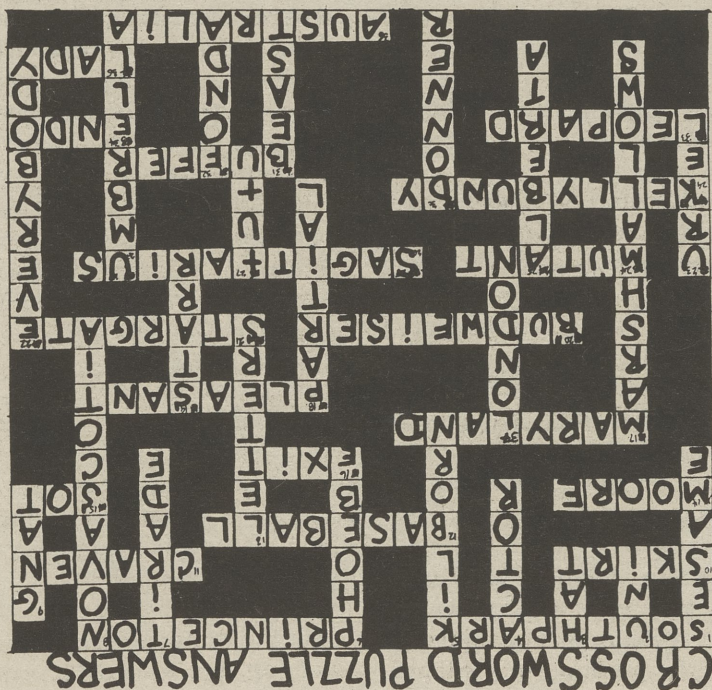
## First LGBFA Conference Set

By Cynthia Moore

Penn State Delco will be hosting its first Regional Gay and Lesbian Area College Conference (GLACC) on Friday, November 21, 1997 at 3pm in the Commons/Athletic Building. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Friends Alliance (LGBFA) has invited college students from schools in the Delaware Valley to meet in an atmosphere other than the typical gay nightclub. Since many college students are under the age of 21, the LGBFA is a terrific way to socialize.

The Gay and Lesbian Area College Conference should be informative and fun. A guest speaker will give a talk early in the evening, followed by dinner, which will be provided by the LGBFA. Participants can then choose from a variety of workshops.

After the conference, a group of over 21 year olds will go to the center city nightclub Shampoo. Any questions about the conference or other events should be e-mailed to the club's president Brandon Hamm at blh126@psu.edu.



## Fall Intramurals: From Handball to Street Hockey

By Justin Hrebiniak

Fall intramural sports are here. Fall intramurals are football, which finished a couple weeks ago, had 50 participants, including Vince Scenci, Chris Dale, Tom Bonner, Bill Twaddle, Paddy Berner, Haneef Moore, Brion McNear, and Winfred Joseph.

Besides football, there is street hockey, which goes to around Thanksgiving. About 40 people are participating. Also included is tennis.

"All are encouraged to participate in fall intramurals", says Vince Scenci, President of the Student Athletic Association. Furthermore, says Scenci, "Women are especially encouraged to participate in intramurals".

It is possible to e-mail Scenci at vx118 about suggestions about existing sports. Intramurals for next semester are basketball, handball, and the Olympics.