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# New Club Brings the Caribbean to Delco

By Tracey Dinh

Do you listen to Reggae? Do you sometimes feel inclined to convert to Rastafarianism? Do you find yourself sometimes wishing that instead of class you were bathing in the crystal waters of Barbados?

If any of these apply to you, and even if they don't, you might be interested to know about a new club on campus.

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The Caribbean Club, formed this year, was created in an effort to educate our campus community on various aspects of Caribbean culture and heritage. Although new to our campus the club is growing in popularity and already boasts at least twenty members including Johane-Pierre, the club president and Kevin Colbert, the advisor.

Currently the club is working on sending some of its members to New York City for the Sixth Annual Northeast Regional Caribbean Students Conference hosted by Brown University on April 10. This conference will showcase a series of seminars that will educate students on Caribbean technology, dance, politics, and race issues, to name a few. Students will also get a chance to hear the key-note speaker, RT Hon P.J. Patterson, Prime Minister of Jamaica and head of the People's National Party.

Club members will then take what they have learned back to the campus with them. They hope to host an activity open to the entire campus where students can learn about each island of the Caribbean and taste the different foods unique to that region.

If all this seems to interest you, the club is eager to accept new members. There is more to the Caribbean besides its revolutionary political history and hot spot tourist attractions. The Caribbean Club hopes to introduce students to all the facets of this exotic area. Kevin Colbert explains, "I hope all different types of people join. We don't want to give the perception that the club is culturally discriminatory. We welcome all ideas or suggestions that anyone might have."

To become a member, you can contact Johane-Pierre at jxp301@psu.edu or Kevin Colbert in the computer lab in the Main Building.



Local Head Start kids join Urban Education members for Kids' Day II in story telling using puppets, left to right: Natascha Doeller, Melissa Salerno, Jennifer Munzenmayer, Chrissy Sebastiani.

## Alumni and Students Eat Sand at Volleyball Blast



Caribbean Club members.

### <u>Club Updates</u> Hunting, Walking, Eating And Giving Blood in April

#### **By Aimee Stone**

With the arrival of warm weather , many Delco clubs are preparing for their spring events.

Planning for the Easter season, the Nittany Christian Fellowship is holding an Easter egg hunt for the entire campus throughout the day, on April 7. Eggs will be hidden in the yards between the Main building and the Commons. Ninety eggs will be hidden, but only three contain a special prize.

The Asian American Caucus is having a Food Feast on April 7, and guest speaker Phoebe Eng, author of Warrior Lessons, and founder of New America Review on the 17th.

The Ice Hockey Club is holding a children's workshop for ages five through twelve. Members of the club

will teach the children how to play ice hockey. The program runs April 18 through May 18, every Saturday at Aston ice rink.

On April 16, the Penn State Ice Hockey Club, "The Hitmen", will face Temple at the new Corestates center. Tickets are thirteen dollars, which includes seats to a Phantoms playoff game after the Penn State vs. Temple competition.

The Cheerleading Club is sponsoring a blood drive on April 8 in the student lounge, Main building. Students can sign up or drop in that day to give blood.

The Volunteer Service Corps is participating in The March of Dimes Walk for America on Sunday, April 26. The walk will begin at 9a.m. at Delaware County Community College.

## **Spring Clean Up Day**

#### By Jenn George

To mark the National Service Week, which is April 19-26, the PSU Volunteer Center will be participating in a Spring Clean Up Day at Ridley Creek State Park on Sunday, April 19 from 1p.m. to 4 p.m. All PSU students are welcome to help out.

The first 40 people to sign up whenever, will receive a free National Service Week T-shirt as appreciation for their contribution. Students interested should meet at the Park Office which is just off Gradyville Road. Also, refreshments will be served to all the participants. Students who want to help Penn State give back to the community can call (610)-892-1256 to register.



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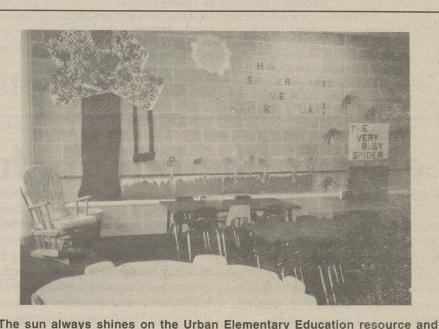
Soon Delco students will receive a postcard in the mail inviting them to the 2nd Annual "Penn State Volleyball Blast" on Saturday, April 18 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is a volleyball tournament sponsored by the Lion Ambassadors Alumni which is funded, in part by the Activitees Fee. All PSU students and Alumni are invited to participate in it. Current students can attend free of charge, as well as all children 10 and under. Alumni will be charged \$5. Students and alumni interested in playing are advised to arrive around 10:30 am to arrange their teams. Mixed or complete teams of students and alumni are allowable. The first 100 people to arrive will get a free T-shirt representing the event.

The games will be played outside on the three sand volleyball courts. In case of rain, the games will be moved inside to the gymnasium. Along with the tournament, participants can enjoy a picnic and pigroast feast. A variety of food available will include, pork, chicken, three kinds of salad, deserts, and drinks. All food will be served at 12 noon.

In addition to the feast and games, a DJ will be present to provide music. There is also a tentative plan to get MAX 95.7 radio station to show up and broadcast live from the campus.

Besides the prizes being awarded to the winning team(s), the free food, music, and t-shirt, this event is worth attending. It is a great opportunity for students to meet with the alumni in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Anyone interested in participating should sign up in the Business Office (105 Main), or contact Catherine Sullivan at (610)-892-1256 to register. Flyers will be posted around campus in the next week as a reminder.



The sun always shines on the Urban Elementary Education resource and activity center, located on the top floor of the Vairo Library.