

Wall Street Analyst and Director to Visit Delco

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This semester the Penn State Delaware County campus will be hosting three speakers; a civil rights attorney, a Wall Street analyst, and a Latino Film director.

On Oct. 14, Laura Pederson, who is the Wall Street analyst, will be presenting her views on career options and the pursuit of success deemed, "A Street Smart Career Guide," or (What the Asian Economic Flu Means to the Individual Investor in the U.S.). Pederson was hired to fill an entry-level position on the trading floor of the American Stock Exchange at 18 and within a year became a full-time options trader within the same establishment. At 20 she became the youngest person in the history of the stock market to receive a seat and in the next year became a partner in a Wall Street firm.

Pederson, who is a native of Buffalo, N.Y. took full advantage of her position as an options trader buying and selling up to two million dollars worth of securities daily. Regularly she engaged other traders on the floor in a combative aspect and more than often emerging physically worn and mentally exhausted. After a market crash in Oct. 1989 she took her assets and retired from the Exchange describing her situation as, "I had my mid-life crisis at 24." Pederson then turned her attention to her books; Play Money: My Brief but Brilliant Career on Wall Street, and Street Smart Career Guide, giving practical and sound advice on turning work into wealth.

Pederson now writes for the New York Times with her own question and answer column titled "Minding Your Business." As well as speaking on financial issues in the Times she has also appeared on such programs as "Oprah", "Primetime Live", "Good Morning America", and "CNN." Pederson exclaims that, "You don't have to be born with a silver spoon, have Mayflower family connections, or be an Ivy League graduate to succeed in business...if a small town kid can make it to the top through the back door anyone

can." She will be speaking in the Main Student Lounge Oct. 14 at 12:30 p.m.

Director/ screenwriter Gregory Nava will be paying this campus a visit a month later on Nov. 18. Nava, a San Diego native of Mexican-Basque heritage, will be the prime speaker during "Hispanic Heritage Month." Nava, who attended UCLA Film School has been producing work of his heritage since those days with his portrayal of the life of Garcia Lorca entitled *The Journal of Diego Rodriguez Silva*. As a result of his work he was awarded the Best Dramatic Film Award at the National Student Film Festival. In 1973 Nava wrote, produced and directed *The Confessions of Aman*, which was a tale of a medieval wandering scholar with a budget of 13,000 dollars. That effort won him the 1976 Best First Feature Award at the Chicago International Film Festival. Other small scale productions include *The Haunting of M* in 1977 with his wife Anna Thomas in the feature role. Nava describes his work as a Latino in filmmaking as "...fighting for the acceptance of my community at the level that (John Ford) Ford and (Martin Scorsese) Scorsese have been accepted."

El Norte, a film on Guatemalan refugees who endure hardship attempting to cross the U.S. border was one of the first films to address the issues of the immigrant experience. He received an Academy Award nomination as well as establishing himself as a versatile writer/director and earning him critical acclaim on his other projects *Mi Familia* and recently *Selena*. Both portray the Mexican-American family, *Selena* focusing more on the slain artist Selena Quintanilla. Nava, who does college circuit speaking along with his Film career, also manages affairs at the Independent Features Project West which he co-founded with his wife. Recently Nava directed "When Fools Fall in Love," which depicts the love triangle of 50's teen sensation Frankie Lyman. He will be speaking on Nov. 18 at 12:30 p.m. in the Main Student Lounge.



Late teen phenom Selena Quintanilla played by Jennifer Lopez in Gregory Nava's "Selena."

'98 Vairo Service Award Given to Anna Pipino

By Jim McGovern
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The 1998 John P. Vairo service award, given annually to a Penn State Delaware County staff member for exceptional service to the well being of the campus, was awarded this August to Anna Pipino of Clifton heights.

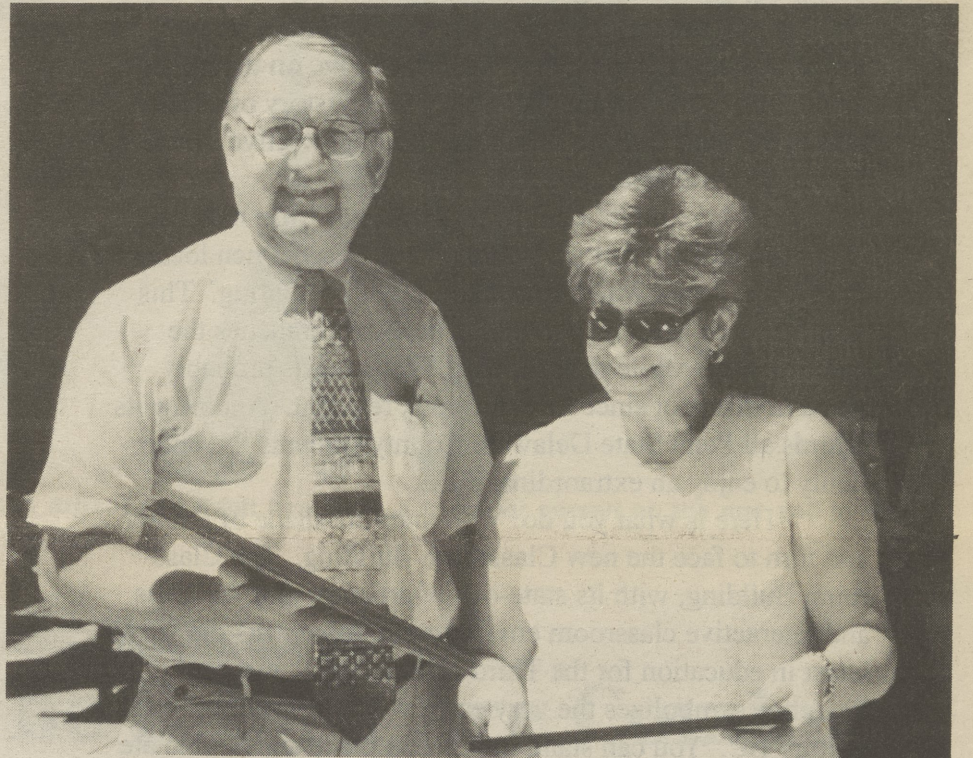
Pipino has been employed by the University for three years, and has spent that time working as a staff assistant in the office of enrollment management. Her reaction to the announcement of the award was, "Total shock. It left me speechless."

According to Dr. Edward Tomezsko however, the award should come as no surprise. "Pipino

willingly steps forward to help her co-workers and goes beyond her normal duties to benefit the campus and the students. She takes great pride in her work and the campus, and I want her to know it shows.

For Pipino, mother of three, her years of service to the university have been just as fulfilling as winning this award. "I really enjoy the job, the people I work with, and just helping the students with any questions or problems they might have."

Along with a personalized plaque and five hundred-dollar cash award, Pipino's name has also been added to the Vairo plaque located in the first floor hallway of the main building.



Dr. Edward Tomezsko presents the John P. Vairo Service Award to a smiling Anna Pipino.

Additional Security to Be Taken at Morris Dee's Speech

By Aimee Stone
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With the arrival of civil rights attorney Morris Dees, the Penn State Delco campus will take additional security precautions.

Due to Dees' success as a civil rights attorney, he attracts the attention of many hate groups nationwide. Thus, an increase in the campus security will be provided to ensure a safe environment for Mr. Dees and his audience.

"A set of standard security measures will be taken," states Tom Brinkman, head of security for Dees.

The Southern Poverty Law

Center (SPLC), founded by Dees in 1971, is dedicated to the conviction of hate groups. For twenty years, the center has monitored individual and group hate activities through a vast network of sources.

"The center has," said Brinkman, "a very extensive network of law enforcement contacts."

During the visit, the SPLC will be monitoring all hate groups in the Eastern Pennsylvania region.

Brinkman assures all students that, "during the three years I've worked for the center there has never been any actual violence at any speech, never."

Penn State County Leadership Retreat

Check-In/Registration at 5:00 P.M. on Friday

Sign-Up in Room 138 Commons

Spaces Are Limited

Deadline is September 11