

Clubs on Campus

Action, Food, Travel and A Place to Be Somebody

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Identity. For most people the ability to be recognized by someone for something can make a difference in character wither for better or for worse. Many people belong to some sort of club from political affiliation, to the local swim or dance club. Penn State is no different in sharing this philosophy, and with the beginning of a new school year, clubs of the Delaware County campus have canvassed hallways and corridors with flyers while always looking for new members.

Students may find some of the newer clubs are right up their alley. For instance, students can show their prowess with the deck of fifty-two in the Rummy Club. Led by students Jessica Pinter and Jeanette Pisch, the Rummy Club offers a place of discussion and camaraderie.

"We don't have anything set really yet, but we are definitely trying to put on a rummy tournament that all can participate in," said Pinter. Those interested can contact the officers at jvp109@psu.edu and jcp@psu.edu respectively.

One of the most interesting clubs to both attend and watch is Penn State's rapidly growing Ice Hockey Club. Aside from having an infamous reputation for getting others involved, the Hockey Club also was reported having the coolest activities during last year's Family Day. Their SGA contact list includes students Joe Salvey, jksl70@psu.edu and Benjamin Seidman, rbsl35@psu.edu. It is one of the few clubs that can entertain the sports interests as well as give participants activities to keep them in shape. The Karate Club is another.

Ethnically oriented groups, such as the Black Student League and the Asian-American Student Caucus, were among those who set their first

meeting during the first full week of school. BSL President Kevin Boyce welcomed new and returning students noting the BSL was going to be a prolific and efficient club in the way of activism and education. "This year we are not going to be concerned with internal conflict," he said, "We have a responsibility to make the BSL an organization everyone can be proud of." The Club is considering a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the Black Wax Museum.

Fifty people showed for the Asian-American Student Caucus's first meeting. Although the Causes had no official leaders in the first couple of week, last years' President and current club member Han Yin Lee discussed what will likely happen this semester.

"One of the functions we have planned is a trip to Chinatown for either lunch or dinner and to hang out," said Lee. "Also most likely this semester we will be hosting a 'Taste of Asia' day," which is a day of food and culture.

If you are most capitalistic, then one club that should definitely get your earning juices flowing is the Student Business Association. Their goal is to promote the business program here at Penn State and encourage the business savvy in all of us. This semester, a trip to Manhattan Financial District on October 27 is planned. The tour will include the New York Federal Reserve as well as the New York Stock Exchange. Club representative Amy Shepherd elaborated on the goals of the SBA.

"The whole idea behind the SBA is to have a business community on campus. We want to have a cooperation between business students and faculty to further our experience. We want to be able to span the gap between students and businesses in the real world so students can make good career choices



Environmental Club members relax after their park clean-up during Spring '99.
Photo by Alyece Wolff

SAA Supports Delco Sports

By Ed Blackburn

The Student Athletic Association is a campus organization which attempts to "further student athletic involvement, to develop interest in athletics within the student body, and to promote good-will and sportsmanship," as defined by its charter.

Formed by campus Athletic Director Tiz Griffith when she first came to Delco, they have run competitions and events such as the Spring Olympics and intramurals.

They have also helped to raise money on campus for charity by selling snacks at home basketball games. Most of the revenue, however,

goes to offset the cost of a sports banquet for Delco athletes, and the rest goes toward purchasing t-shirts for everyone who plays a sport on campus.

With this fall semester comes new student leadership within the Association. Incoming president Dana Garling will be assisted by new officers LJ Lucidonio, Mark Mehl and Stephan Sevi (Treasurer).

Tiz seems optimistic about this year's leadership. "We've had some really wonderful leaders," in the past, she muses, "and they've each held different activities. I'm curious what they will do this year."

Summer Movies

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The movie starts off giving the background of its characters and problems, then the action unfolds. Once the terror began everyone was on the edge of his or her seats. I think the theme or moral of the story was don't mess with nature!

What movies did Penn State students like? I conducted a small survey of 50 people around campus and they were asked to name their favorite movies of the summer. Their top picks

were: *The Sixth Sense* (21), *American Pie* (14), *The Deep blue Sea* (7), *Austin Powers-The Spy Who Shagged Me & The Haunting* (6), *The Wood & The Blair Witch Project* (5) *In Too Deep* (4), *Big Daddy* (3) *Wild Wild West & Summer of Sam* (2), *South Park, The Run Away Bride, Matrix, and Cruel Intentions* (1). As you can see, Penn State students enjoyed an array of movies that ranged from horror, action, and drama to comedy.

Philly Concert

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college students in the area to boost the future of the neighborhoods and tax base in Philadelphia, after watching 100 thousand residents move away from the city in the past decade.

According to a statement from the committee, "[we] recognize the need to retain...students in the Philadelphia area...to grow and develop the critical economic base of our city with young, educated, and vital talent."

"I think the concert is a good idea because it brings together students from all over the Philadelphia area," said Sophomore Meghna Vara. Penn State, Temple, and Penn are the main university sponsors of the event.

In return for their \$10 thousand contribution, Penn State's Delaware County, Abington, and Great Valley campuses will receive a booth on site, a representative on the planning committee, and exposure in the

promotion of the concert, along with other perks such as a reserved seating area.

"Penn State, the University as a whole, is interested in having a presence in Philadelphia," said Hill.

Controversial rap group Public Enemy will perform, along with Train whose single "Meet Virginia" is currently in heavy radio rotation.

Also performing will be Tim Reynolds, who can be heard performing acoustic with Dave Matthews on their album *Live at Luther College* and on an episode of VHL's "Storytellers."

"The diversity of music will attract a diversity of students," said Vara. New bands are added almost daily, so check out www.electricfactory.com/collegifest.html for updates. Tickets can be picked up in the Student Life Office on the second floor of the Commons Building, or from Y100 or the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Student Activity Fee ALLOCATION COMMITTEE REPORT Academic Year 1998-99	
Activity Fee Funding	
Carry Forward	\$ 1,660
Fall '98, Spring '99 & Summer '99	\$95,235
TOTAL	\$96,895
Activity Fee Allocations	
Campus Activities	\$18,854
(Sample Expenditures: Leadership Retreat, Lion Costume)	
Equipment	7,362
(Sample Expenditures: Music Keyboard, Leg Curl Machine)	
Facilities	4,999
(Sample Expenditures: Lion's Den carpet)	
Program Support	7,079
(Sample Expenditures: Campus Van lease)	
Recreation	10,615
(Sample Expenditures: Ice Hockey and Lacrosse clubs)	
Diversity	32,098
(Sample Expenditures: Speaker Series, on-campus Theater and Music)	
Just-in-Time	442
Selected Support Services	15,446
(Sample Expenditures: Psychological Counseling, Lion's Den coverage)	
TOTAL	\$96,895