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### **Campus Life Clubs Offer Competitions, Clean-Ups And Networking**

#### By Sarah Stover Editor-in-Chief

There are about 25 student clubs on campus that offer a variety of events, activities and gatherings for the campus community. The newest club on campus is the **Human Development & Family Studies Association**. Their first meeting is Thursday, November 4 at 11:30 in the Classroom building room 201. This club is geared towards students with HDFS, Sociology and Psychology majors, but all students are welcome.

Adult Student Organization is sponsoring an Indoor Craft Show on November 14. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday they have pretzel sales at 10:30 to 1:30 in Main and every Tuesday from 3:00 to 6:00 in the Classroom building. November 20 is the Alpha Sigma Lambda Highway clean up. For more information contact club president Amy Sheperd at axsl47@psu.edu.

**Cheerleading Club** is participating in the Media Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 30 at 2 p.m. All are welcome to come, watch and support the cheerleaders. For more information, contact either club president Erica DiScinllo at <u>eldl25th@psu.edu</u> or the club advisor Sally Ent at sxe6@psu.edu.

**Communications Club** has not scheduled any immediate events but they want students to watch for upcoming presentations. For more information contact club president Kim Campbell at kmc226@psu.edu.

Engineering Club have no future events planned just yet, but the club encourages students to keep a watch for activities. For more information contact club president Melinda Refford at mgr@psu.edu.

Green Paw (Environmental club) is holding a park clean up on Saturday, November 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and they have scheduled a recycling and compost lecture during common hour on Wednesday, November 24. For more information contact club president Jonathan Leonhard at <u>ghl</u> <u>115@psu.edu</u>.

Ice Hockey Club has an away game against Catholic University in Washington D.C. on October 29 at Wells Ice Arena at 5:15 p.m., an away game on November 6 against Bucknell at Sunburry Ice at 4:15 p.m., and the next home game is on November 13 against Catholic U at Iceline in West Chester at 8:45 p.m. For more information and a complete game schedule, contact club president Ben Seidman or Derek Reich at <u>rbs135@psu.edu</u> or talk to Athletic Director Tiz Griffith on the first floor of Commons.

Multi-Cultural Association is hosting an International Food Fest and multi-cultural fashion show on November 18 in the Main Lounge. All students are welcome to attend. For more information contact club president Deepa Daniel <u>dxd246@.psu.edu</u> or Scott Casey at <u>sgcl20@psu.edu</u>.

Keystone Society is helping with an alumni-student networking luncheon that will be held on November 11. Students should sign up by November 5 in the Career Development Center on the second floor of Commons. The luncheon will run from noon until 1:30. For more information about the Keystone Society, contact Karl Grieb at krg6@psu.edu.

LGBFA (Leshian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Friends Alliance) has no planned events but they are looking for new members. Any interested students should contact club president Matthew Jones at mrj127@psu.edu.

Rummy Club has two upcoming meetings. The first on Friday, October 29 at 12:30 in 319 Main and Friday, November 12 at 12:30 in 319 Main. They are holding a rummy tournament on Thursday, November 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Lion's Den and the cafeteria. Food, DJ, card playing, prizes and dancing are included. All are welcome. Tickets are \$3 for players and \$4 to buy at the door. If you do not know how to play, they will teach you. Everyone playing in the tournament must buy tickets in advance from club members or email the club president Amanda Bird at aeb175@psu.edu.

Student Business Association sponsored its last trip on October 27 to NYC to visit the New York Stock Exchange and the Federal Reserve. To find out about upcoming trips and activities contact club president Brian Hamilton at <u>bvhl05@.psu.edu</u>.



During Freak Week, Delco students sing a rendition of Limp Bizkit's "Faith." Photo by Alyece Wolff

## 'Freak Week' A Success

#### **By Sandy Sasse** Lion's Eye Staff Writer

SGA has been working hard to create a lot of exciting events in the upcoming months. Treasurer Jen Scocca recently spoke about her ambitions for this year. Scocca hopes to "increase student involvement by letting students know the benefits of getting involved with an organization."

Mary Beth Quattrochi is the Secretary of SGA and her goal this year is to "create a more diverse place". Students tend to segregate along cultural lines, a pattern Quattrochi hopes will change so that "all different types of people will come together without letting our differences get in the way." SGA is hoping the events planned will accomplish their ambitions.

Freak week has been full of exciting events. Monday was the kickoff of Freak week with karaoke at the Lion's Den. Pride day was on Tuesday where all students were given the opportunity to "show there pride" by wearing PSU tshirts, uniforms or painting their face. Tuesday also gave Delco students a chance to show their musical talent with "Battle of the Bands" where they compete for the most talented.

The fun continues on Wednesday where you were given a chance to win a date. An auction was held that was sponsored by SGA and the Black Student League. Thursday you were given a chance to find out your future with the psychics and get out and dance at the Costume Ball. The Costume Ball was held in the cafeteria from 8 PM. Today during Common Hour there will be an acupuncture session at the Lion's Den from eleven to two. The fun continues in November, please contact Vice President Dasa Kelly in the Lion's den for more information.

# **PSU's 'Thon Gains Momentum At Delco**

#### By Mari DiMeglio Lion's Eye Staff Writer

To raise money for the families of children with cancer, sophomore Michelle Rizzo campus 'THON chair and another DelCo students will participate in the annual 48 hour dance marathon at University Park in February. Since 1977, Penn Staters have organized 'Thon, as it has come to be known, to aid children who are hospitalized at Hershey Medical Center.

In 1997, the DelCo campus became

In 1992, 'Thon became the nation's largest student run philanthropy when the marathon and other fundraisers raised over one million dollars for the Four Diamonds Fund for the first time. The 'Thon organization raised over 2.5 million dollars last year. Raising most of the money, the Greek organizations are motivated by fierce competition.

Though most of the money is contributed to children's medical funding, a portion also goes to cancer research.

Due to Penn State's cooperation with the Children's Miracle Network since 1993 in teaching other schools how to have a dance marathon, the idea has spread to over forty other schools including Texas A&M, Indiana University, and the University of Michigan. In preparation for the marathon, participants must get physicals and attend classes stressing health issues. An emergency medical team and a security team remain on-site throughout the event. During the two-day marathon at University Park, dancers may not consume caffeine or nicotine. They have five bathroom breaks during which they cannot walk outside. The dancers are taught a line dance, which they perform about thirty times throughout the event. A morale group keeps the dancers motivated and provides them with food, messages from friends, and toys to keep them occupied. Bands from all genres have played the marathons, and groups of costumed have performed karaoke routines.

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Loretta Ramsey and Lisa Matura each were married October 23, 1999

**Congratulations Newlyweds!** 

**Staff Members** 



Student Business Association members report an overwhelming response to their recent food and clothing drive for local flood victims. Photo by Scherrie Bailey

involved and raised just enough money to send representatives to dance in the marathon. Last year, Dana Conroy – the committee's chair – and about fifteen other members raised over three thousand dollars.

This year, Rizzo expects her now larger committee to raise over fifteen thousand dollars through raffles for gift certificates and other business donations, contribution cans in Wawas and around campus, Alumni donations, and assistance from the ice hockey team and other clubs.

Rizzo is organizing a mini-'Thon dance for area colleges on November 12, probably to be held in the Classroom building. Also, an all day battle of the bands is in the planning for January.

On deciding to become the 'Thon chair, Rizzo says, "I enjoyed working on 'Thon last year. It's for the kids, which is a good cause." To help with the fund raising, students can contact Rizzo at <u>mmr158@.psu.edu</u>.