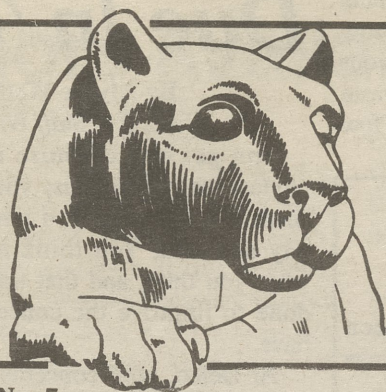


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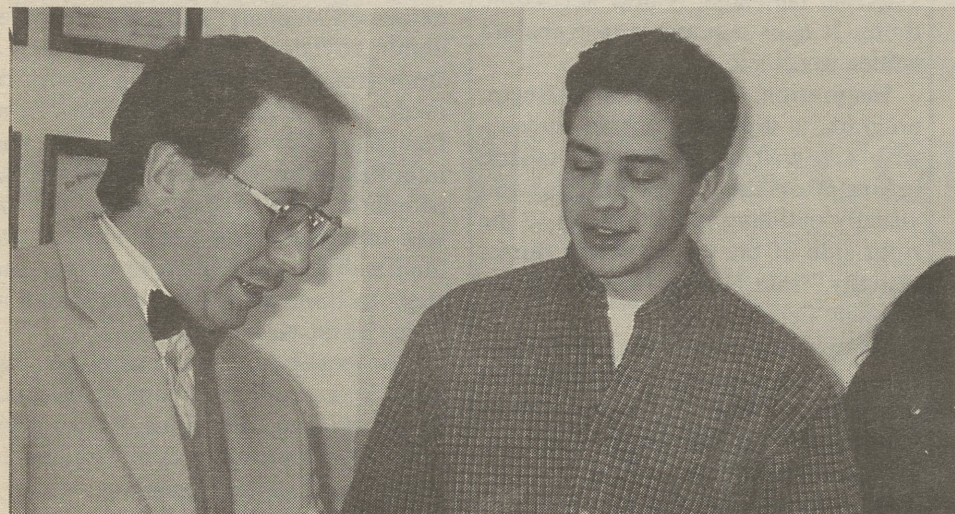
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## Hurricane His Campus!



After his presentation on Dec. 7, Glen Hurricane Schwartz, weatherman for NBC 10, spoke with students and signed autographs.

## Delco Honoring Dr. King

By Al Stavola

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PSU Delco will be conducting a program in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King on Monday, January 17, 2000. Dr. King was a great leader in our country's civil rights movement and made many contributions to the African American community. His "I have a dream..." speech is one of the most notable speeches ever. Martin Luther King was made famous by using "peaceful resistance" to combat racial intolerance in 1960's America. He led marches and protests and encouraged African Americans to boycott segregated businesses and services. We remember Dr. King today for his accomplishments.

PSU Delco has a series of activities planned in celebration of Martin Luther King Day. "I think we should have the day off to show respect," says sophomore Nick Bartilomo. According to Loretta Ramsey-Stevenson, Diversity Retention Counselor in Student Life, "The activities include a speaker presentation related to the life and contribution of Dr. King, the Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Day of Service which involves the campus community in volunteer service projects in Media and Chester, and a musical presentation." For more information, contact Loretta Ramsey-Stevenson in room 213 in the Commons Building or at (610)892-1274. Email - LYR2@psu.edu

## World War II Veteran Donates Memorabilia

By Ed Blackburn

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Colonel David Pergrin, a Penn State graduate and President of the class of 1940, who went on to achieve a distinguished military record during World War II, has also become a distinguished alumnus. Pergrin has donated hundreds of books, videotapes, medals and photographs of the war to the Penn State Delaware County campus in hopes of enriching the students' interest and knowledge. The material will be on permanent display in the campus library.

Besides being a U.S. Army engineer and Commander of the 291st Engineer Combat Battalion at the time, which helped to bridge the Rhine and Danube Rivers under fire in 1944, he is also an avid wood-carver. The proceeds from his wood-carving shows, held annually at Delco, are used to fund the David Pergrin Award, which is a scholarship for Delco engineering students

interested in a four-year degree, who have completed three semesters at Delco. The shows have raised \$3000 to \$5000 each year for twelve years.

Pergrin was honored in a campus ceremony on December 3, during which many of his friends and members of the Delco campus community were present. Honorary speakers included Senator Clarence Bell, who gave his insight into how Penn State helped to win the war. "Dave is a product of Penn State R.O.T.C.," he said, "which taught him leadership. He used his new leadership skills to mold his battalion, which played a significant role in holding back the German advance (which otherwise would have prolonged the war), so Penn State is partly responsible for winning the war for democracy."

Campus CEO Ed Tomezsko had praise for Pergrin and his generation. He said that what they had to do "was necessary to save the world from a different society, but to them it wasn't extraordinary - that is the beauty of it."

## Faculty's Continuing Research Enriches Classes

By Mari DiMeglio  
Lion's Eye Staff Writer

After 17 years of extensive research, Dr. Phyllis Cole's recent publication has been awarded the James Russell Lowell Prize. Cole, Coordinator of American Studies and associate professor of English, reconstructs five generations of Emerson family history through letters and diaries in *Mary Moody Emerson and the Origins of Transcendentalism*. Cole says her research "is important to who I am."

Previously interested in author Ralph Waldo Emerson, Cole discovered his aunt Mary Emerson's 55-year diary in a Harvard library storage room while a graduate student. Through her reading, Cole discovered that Mary's writing is very similar to essays written by her nephew Ralph Emerson, and she was the most important influence and source for him.

Cole is amazed that Mary wrote with intelligent and original insight about the books of intellectuals of her time because Mary was a self-taught woman.

Political science professor Dr. Steven Cimbala's project entitled *Mysteries of the Cold War* hit the shelves in September. Cimbala, along with a team of historians, political scientists, and policy analysts, contributed a chapter to this compilation of essays concerning political and military issues surrounding the Cold War period.

Wanting to compile a discussion of unresolved issues regarding this subject, Cimbala approached the contributing writers, organized the work, and edited it. "What we learn from this [retrospective study] is that history is a moving finger. You are never done with the study of an issue ... new facts or a new perspective always comes up," said Cimbala.

Because the book has a number of contributors, there is not one dominant idea that is relayed. "One thing we all agree on is that the Cold War was more

dangerous than people want to admit now," said Cimbala. "We know that the Cold War ended peacefully, and a lot of people assume that it had to end that way. There were key points when it could have turned hot."

His focus is mainly the use of nuclear weapons in military strategy. Cimbala published a book last year called *Coercive Military Strategy*, which deals with the use of the military as a threat and persuader, rather than a force. He also has recently completed a manuscript for a work to be released next year concerning nuclear strategy in the 21st century.

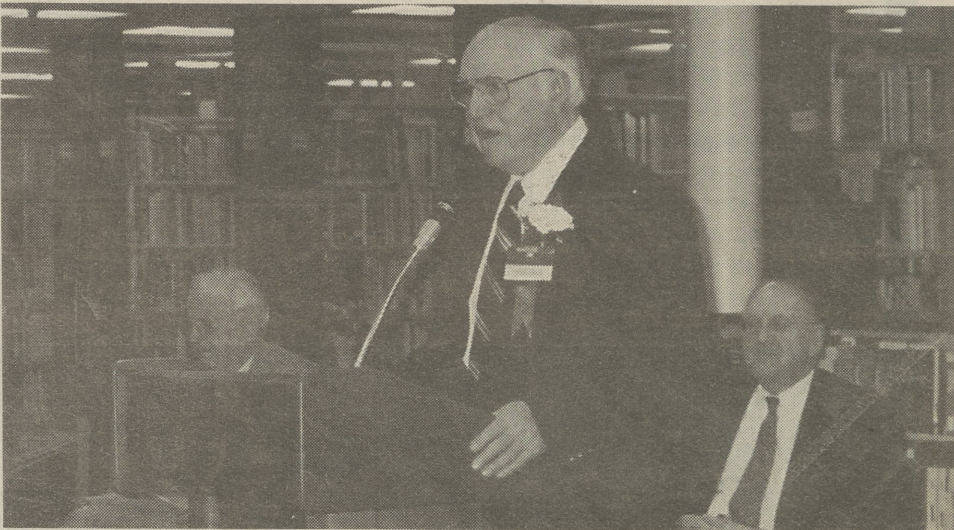
Regarding faculty research projects, Cimbala said, "Most of us [professors] try to maintain research to enrich our classes. I think it's funny when people say, 'What do professors do? They have so much free time.'"

Karen Hill, professor of Exercise and Sport Science and Psychology, has recently contributed to the *Encyclopedia of Women in Sport in America*. Along with five other women sports psychologists, Hill discusses women's historical involvement in sports.

Her participation in athletics sparked her interest in the subject. Feeling that sports coverage until five years ago was male-dominated, Hill said, "[The authors and I wanted] to put in book form information that had only existed orally. The encyclopedia includes biographies of women sports participants of the past whose stories have gone untold."

She has completed the first draft of a new sports psychology book that focuses on a woman golfer who was in a slump. The book, which Hill hopes will be released next spring, explains theoretical perspectives and how they are applied to this case study.

Hill feels that it is the duty of the University to encourage the professors to research in order to create new knowledge to be passed on to the students.



Retired Colonel David E. Pergrin of the 291st Engineer Combat Battalion presents his WW II memorabilia to the Vairo Library as Sen. Clarence Bell and Dr. Ed Tomezsko listen.  
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