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## Delco Plans Exciting Events All Month Long

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February brings many exciting activities to Delco's campus, primarily focusing on Valentine's Day and Black History Month. To help you find a valentine, the Student Government Association is sponsoring DATEOMATE. To participate, students fill out a question-naire and return it to the Lion's Den. Then SGA will compare the questionnaires and give each student their best and worst match on campus. Students can pick up the forms the week prior to Valentine's Day.

A Valentine's Sock Hop is scheduled for February 11. OMNI Multi-cultural Club, Asian American Student Caucus, Black Student League, Caribbean Club, Latino Student Organization and SGA are hosting the dance. The cost is five dollars per person or eight dollars per couple. Refreshments will be served and the dress code is informal. Tickets for the sock hop will be sold at the Lion's Den or Room 101 in Main. In addition, the Black Student League will be selling and delivering candy grams, poetry, and flowers to your special Valentine during common hour on February 14.

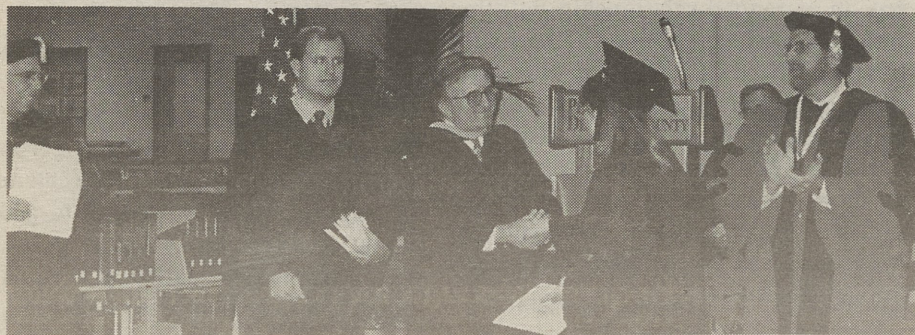
Valentine's Day is not the only holiday being celebrated this month. February is the month to honor great African Americans. The Black Student League has planned several events. Every

Tuesday and Thursday during common hour there will be movies or documentaries about African American history shown in the Lion's Den, including "Beloved" on February 8 and 10. On February 23 at common hour in the Main Lounge a round table discussion will focus on stereotypes in American society. Additionally, Darryl Trent, General Manager of Philly 103.9, will be speaking during common hour on February 11 in the Main Lounge on "The Philosophy of Urban/ Hip Hop Music."

The celebration continues on February 25 with a program of song, dance, and poetry in the Main Lounge at 12:30 and concludes February 29 with drumming, story telling and dancing by the Ghana Group during common hour.

Also in the works, the Student Business Association is hosting speaker Ernie Repice, Senior Vice President of Karr Barth Associates, on February 7 at 5 pm in the classroom room 103. Repice will talk about "The Financial Process - Creating Wealth in the New Millennium". A forum is planned for the February 22 discussing science and religion. The Muslim Student Association will be hosting the forum from 4-5 pm.

Finally, on February 29, Dr. Zhifu Tong, director of epidemiology at Beijing Hospital in China, will discuss "sexually transmitted diseases and lifestyle change in China," during common hour.



During Penn State Delco's first ever winter graduation, Kelly Holmes receives her diploma from Ernie Repice, president of the Campus Advisory Board. George Dr. Franz, Director of Academic Affairs, and Karl Grieb, the Alumni Association coordinator, also took part in the ceremony. Photo by B. Feick

## Winter Graduation Sets Pattern For The Spring

By Bob Dugan  
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If you ever had the ambition - or the credits - to graduate from Penn State Delco at the end of the Fall semester, then you never had the chance until December 18, 1999. This was when the campus held its first winter graduation.

Twenty-eight students graduated in the winter ceremony held in the Vairo Library.

In years past it was held on a weekday night, but Dr. George Franz, Delco's Director of Academic Affairs, admitted that "Thursday was not physically possible." This was due to parents and family members working, and a generally hectic week before the holidays.

Dr. Franz noted that changing to

Saturday morning was "so successful", and that he was "very happy" with the first winter graduation.

Kelly Holmes, who graduated in December and received her Baccalaureate degree in English, is glad about Delco's decision to hold its first winter graduation. "I just really want to thank Dr. Franz and the campus for doing it. It meant more than they'll ever know."

The upcoming Spring 2000 graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, at 10 AM. No more weekday nights in the near future, and the winter graduation will stay intact as long as there are enough graduating students.

While Dr. Franz "won't have a graduation list until March," he estimated that forty students will be graduating.

## MLK Day At Penn State



Delco students Patrice Pollack (Urban Ed), Deatra Butler (Urban Ed), Aida Ortiz (English) and Scott Casey (Genetics) help Chester students paint flower pots for Fair Acres residents on the Martin Luther King Day of Service. Casey, president of the Multi-Cultural Club, also was honored that day with the campus Cross-Cultural Award. Photo by B. Feick

### Obituary

## Student Dies In Crash

By Greg Haas  
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A car accident in the early morning of New Year's Day 2000 claimed the life of Penn State Delco student, Jessica Dixey. Police report that Dixie's car became lodged under a tractor-trailer and that an ensuing fire destroyed both vehicles. She was twenty-two years old.

Jessica graduated from Archbishop Carroll and resided in the Tredyffrin-Valley Forge area. Surviving Jessica are parents Robert and Helene, sister Sandy, and brothers Robert and Craig, a University Park student. Jessica would have been twenty-three on Monday, January 10.

"It's really sad," said Heather Hollis,

fellow student on campus, "She was a really nice girl." Jessica was enrolled in geology and nutrition courses during the Fall '99 semester as a part-time student. A funeral mass for Jessica was held Friday, January 7 at St. Isaac Jogues Church. A representative from Penn State, Mr. Jeffrey Wirth, Chief Financial Officer, attended the services to convey the condolences of the University and its faculty, staff and students. "The parents said they were very pleased that Jessica was going to school here," Mr. Wirth recounted. "They said she really enjoyed it here and made a lot of friends." Expressions of condolence can be sent to Robert and Helene P Dixey, RD #5, PO Box 342, Malvern, PA 19355.

## Seven New Minor Degrees Available This Semester

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"Next year I was considering leaving this campus to go to University Park because I wanted to minor in Spanish, which is not available at this campus. Now I plan to leave the Delaware County campus because there just aren't enough minors to go around," says Jennelle Butera, sophomore in Marketing.

Starting in the Spring of 2000, students in Delco degree programs who wish to choose a minor will wait no longer. Seven minors will now be available on the Delaware County campus. The six that have been officially approved include: American Studies, Law/Liberal Arts, Business/Liberal Arts, English, Speech Communications, and Women Studies. The International Studies minor has not yet been authorized and is awaiting final approval.

Typically, approval takes a period of a few months, but less than an academic

year. Requests are sent through the office of Dr. George Franz, Director of Academic Affairs, then the Dean of the Commonwealth College, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and the Provost's Office to approve the extension of a major. In the future, Delco students can expect to have other minors available in IST and Human Development & Family Studies.

According to Dr. Franz, "Students can have several minors; however, choosing one depends upon the number of additional courses required to complete a degree. Selecting a minor makes students more marketable to potential employers. Also, students get more recognition if they spend time concentrating on particular courses."

Those interested in these minors will be asked to meet with an adviser to obtain approval forms and to plan their desired course of study. Most minors require a completion of 18 credits in the area of focus, some of which may prescribe taking courses at the 400 level.