

Fulfilling A Dream

Pretzels, Crafts, Fleas Fund A Campus Prize

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It all started in 1995 with a dream and a casual suggestion.

Delco's financial aid officer Sylvia Schaffer had a dream to fund a campus scholarship for part-time adult students. One of these students suggested they sell pretzels to raise money for the scholarship. Schaffer admitted that at the time the idea sounded ridiculous. It was hard to imagine forty-cent pretzels sales accumulating thousands of dollars.

Nevertheless, the Adult Student Organization (ASO) began selling pretzels three days a week in 1995. Little did Mrs. Schaffer or the club know that five years later they would have Delco's first homegrown scholarship worth \$25,000.

Raising that amount was no easy task. Five years of pretzel sales, numerous craft shows, and flea market sales brought the to their goal. Loyal volunteers and some good luck paved the way to their success.

One of ASO's biggest supporters was the local Town Talk newspaper. The late publisher of the paper Ed Burman agreed to help with the scholarship fund. Burman provided the merchants while Delco provided the gym for craft shows and the parking lot for flea markets. They split the profits.

The shows gained in popularity

through the years, with the most recent show attracting 1300 customers. As a result, ASO made \$3000, surpassing their goal by \$1000. New vendors are added to each show. Newer favorites include the bakery table and the Attic Treasures table.

The Adult Student Organization actually has raised a total of \$34,000 for their scholarship. However, \$9,000 has already been distributed over the past five years. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be part time, involved with campus activities, and have 3.0 or higher GPA.

Sylvia Schaffer has worked hard for this scholarship because she saw a great need to help adult part time students since most available financial aid is for full time students. She credits all the volunteers, ASO presidents Amy Shepard and Andrea Ziemba, Delco faculty and staff, and her family for her dream becoming a reality. She also is grateful to all the "wonderful people in the community."

What's next on her agenda? The ASO wants to help alumnus David Pergrin, who is only a few thousand dollars short of fully funding his own scholarship. After that the next step is to raise money for the Sylvia Schaffer Scholarship.

Look for the next flea market on October 15 and the next Craft show on November 12.



At an April 6 program sponsored by the women's Commission, a panel of five authors addressed the question, "Why Do Women Write?" as well as the audience's questions; (l. to r.) Professor Carol Kossler, Romanian Poet Daniela Crasnaru, local fiction writers Donna Murray and Elena Santangelo and Assoc. Professor Phyllis Cole.

Debt Relief

Delco Awards Over \$115,000 In Scholarships

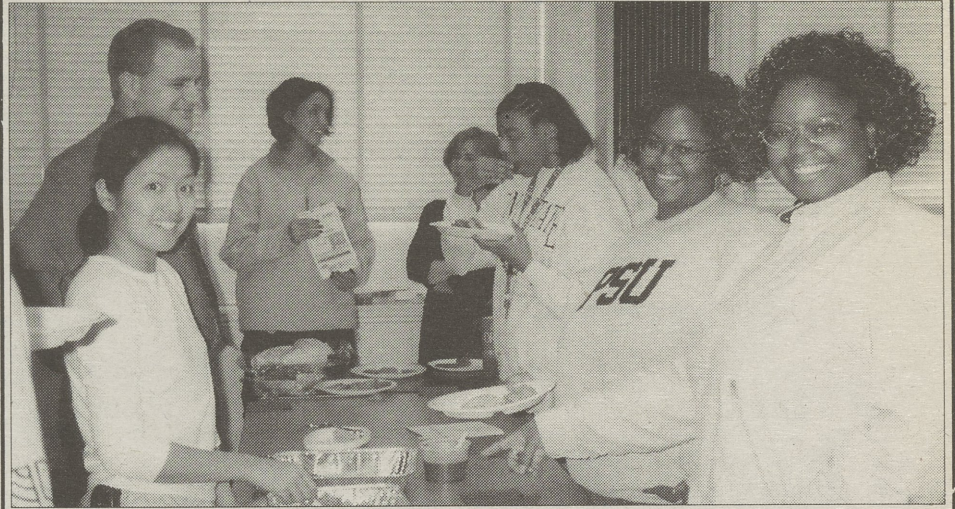
Scholarships and Prizes Penn State Delaware County For 2000-2001

The following campus scholarships and prizes were announced at the Honors Convocation on April 12.

Endowed Scholarships

Adult Student Organization: Tracey Abronski, Lina Carreras
John E. & Judith Baillis: Qunsheng Zhou, Gregory Haas
Judge Louis A. Bloom: Ramy Nasr
Joseph J. Bradley: Monica Nevarez, Patrick Thornton
Jane E. Cooper, Adult Students: Andria Toland, Rachel Granoff
Jane E. Cooper, Honor Students: Gina Morrissey, Marilu Giurastante
Jane E. Cooper, Part-Time Adult: Edward Staeger, Diana Malloy
Judith Davis: Brendan Keough, Colleen Kelly
Robert E. Finucane: Colleen Sullivan, Sandra Sasse
Franz-Kahmar: Melissa Hesley
Lawrence E. Hallstrom: Michael McFarland, Walter Williams
H. Leonard Krouse and Penn State Club of Delaware County: Joshua Kaptur, Kathryn Mille, Meghna Vara
Dewey La Rosa: Erika Matteo, Virginia Foltz
Ada Case Lobrovick: Deepa Daniel
David & Florence Newman: Shellie Smarowsky, Jennifer Tatorelli
PNC Financial Corp: MariJoanne DiMeglio, Scott He
Jane H. Sheetz: Christine Haas, Allison Showalter, Scott Casey

Food Fest A Success



A large turnout of students, faculty and staff enjoyed a variety of ethnic foods at the April 5 Multicultural Foodfest.

Business Majors Compete In On-Line Simulations

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What really is an effective way of learning? How do college students learn, yet have fun at the same time? Is that even possible? Is the normal routine of studying and taking notes the only way to gain knowledge and experience in an area of study? Management Simulations says otherwise with their Capstone program. This is an online interactive teaching tool allowing teams of business students to compete against employees of business companies, faculty, and students from other colleges. It creates a real life, modern simulation teaching marketing, production, finance and research and development skills.

Senior business administration major Mark Eisele said, "I have found the Capstone simulation to be valuable and interesting, because of the real life, hands-on experience gained from the program. We were involved in everything from issuing stock and dividends, to formulating research and development projections."

Four of the five PSU Delco student teams enrolled in the Contemporary Business seminar here on campus (BA 422W), ranked in the top ten in the Global Competition of Business Management. This online competition entailed using the Capstone program. Now used as a college online teaching tool, Capstone was originally made for executive staff training of companies like

Caterpillar and Motorola. Used in other outstanding business administration programs, like Northwestern University, Penn State and Emory. Capstone's interactive training is very competitive. The Capstone website collects the teams' decisions, creates the simulation and compiles the results for the teams to download. The program tracks and updates each team's rank in seven categories: profit, cumulative profit, stock price, return on equity, return on assets, and return on sales. In the competition, one year of business is one round and there are eight rounds total.

Interactive online programs like this also help students utilize the Internet and work as a team. And, more importantly, students can have fun and learn simultaneously by being in a competitive, team environment.

"This is a benchmark to measure how good our business program is at Penn State Delaware County," commented Andrea Hornett, Contemporary Business Seminar instructor at Delco, "Our seniors are doing the same work that other schools' MBA students are doing, and they are doing more than just holding their own. They are competing against not only students from other universities, but also faculty, and even employees from actual companies."

Working in a team environment and facing tough competition always brings out the best in a student, or a player on any team. This is a great way to learn.

Edward S. J. Tomezsko: Steve Tsao, Scott He
John D. & Greta Vairo: Ghanshyam Patel, Kevin Stranen, David Kelly
Gilbert A. Wetzel: Melinda Refford, Jason Litka

Endowed Awards

Edward Berman Memorial Award: Renee Blisard
Landon C. Burns Prize in Humanities: Jamie Baxter
Delaware County Campus Faculty Award: Wendy Arnold, Dorothy Weaver
Campus Honors Award (funded in part by Barnes & Noble College Bookstore): William Bell, Mari Joanne DiMeglio, Justin Ficarra, Marilu Giurastante, Christine Haas, Scott He, Ramy Nasr, Joseph Rosengarten, Patrick Thornton, Steve Tsao, Susan Varga
Marcel Carter Award: Olivia Myers, Nasir Nea
Lauren E. Chrest: Susan Taylor
Thomas Edward Hare III Memorial Award: Julie Hill
Joan Impagliazzo Adult Student Award: Dana Casey
Brian K Johnson Memorial Award: Lillian Woo, Dionne Argyle, Scherrie Bailey
Scott Latimer Engineering Award: Tomas Dalziel
Thomas McKelvey: Jonathan Coleman
Penn State Club of Chester County: Nga Fan
David Pergrin Award: Tomas Dalziel
Sylvia Schaffer Award: Ramy Nasr

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