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Stuck, sucked & plucked

Positive power in a pint-sized pouch

By CHARLES REED
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Mini-physical examination: Free
Cookies, pretzels, and juice: Free
Ten to thirty-minute buzz: Free
Getting out of class for a good reason: Free
Saving a life: Priceless

Delco's Fall Blood Drive would have to be considered a success. Held from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 18 in the second-floor conference room of the Commons Building, the drive exceeded last year's number of donors by mid-afternoon.

Sixty-one of Delco's students, faculty, and staff showed up to donate blood for the American Red Cross, helping to alleviate the lingering effects of the summer's devastating drought.

As much as 65 percent of Red Cross blood reserves comes from colleges and high schools. Because the organization relies so heavily on students, summer is typically a down time.

Last year happened to be particularly severe though, with many blood banks running on empty.

"The blood bank is starting to recover," said Sally Ent of Student Life, who acted as liaison between Delco and the Red Cross for the event. "But it's still below the ideal level."

The lingering shortage and the promise of another drought next summer makes it imperative that students donate more. Penn State Delco and the Red Cross will host another drive in April.

Peace



A student shows where his heart is at while visiting Catherine's Campus Cafe in the Commons.

Photo by BARBARA DANIEL

Why donate, aside from alleviating that feeling of guilt from missing the last event?

"It's a good thing to do. Giving blood saves a life," said freshman and three-time donor Tom Walsh.

Freshman rugby player Garrett Treer agreed.

"It's not really that much of a problem - time's the only factor. With [the blood drive] right here on campus, it's an easy way to help out."

With the almost sting-less system

honed to perfection by the diligent Red Cross attendants, the only hint of discomfort comes from the waiting.

The entire session, including the screening process, usually lasts about 45 minutes. The actual donation takes only 10.

However, one attendant said, "If there's a back-up, it might take an hour and a half."

That's just all the more reason to make an appointment when donating in April.

Threatening note leads to evacuation

By AIMEE STONE
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It was about 3 p.m. Oct. 30, when someone found the bomb threat note at the circulation desk of the Vairo Library.

According to author, he or she overheard a conversation about a bomb in the building.

The author stressed, "But I'm not the culprit."

Library staff immediately told campus security.

While Campus Security Officer Dave Horevay searched through the building, Lisa Colwell of business services, contacted the state police.

Students were forced out of the building a little after 3 p.m. by the sound of the fire alarm.

About 10 minutes later, the State Police arrived.

The police, along with bomb-sniffing dogs, searched the Vairo building thoroughly.

Two hours later the building was cleared of any suspicion of a bomb.

The state police are still investigating the incident, Horevay said last week.

If the person responsible is found, Horevay said, they will be prosecuted. The person would likely be charged with making a terroristic threat to the University.

But school officials are worried the incident won't be a single one. They fear copy-cat incidents. Rumors throughout the campus are being spread about the increase of bomb threats during the upcoming finals.

"It's hard to prevent a copy-cat," said Horevay, "their purpose is to disrupt the average day."

However, the average day will only be disrupted in the building the bomb threat is discovered.

Depending on the circumstances and the size of the alleged explosives, the entire campus could be evacuated, Horevay said.

Friends recall Sarah Stover's love of life

By ADAM WOJCIEHOWICZ
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"She lived life to the hilt," Dr. Orlov said of Sarah Stover.

A service to honor Sarah's memory was held Wednesday, Oct. 18. It was open to all those wishing to talk about Sarah or the impact she had on them.

Sarah was a student at Penn State Delco for three years. She was killed just a week before she would have began her senior year as an English major.

Sarah and a friend were leaving a Philadelphia nightclub the night of Aug 14, 2000, when their car was struck. Sarah was killed almost instantly, while her passenger was hospitalized for a few days and then

released.

Police have arrested two men in connection with the accident. Officials say the men were drunk when they crashed into the girls' car.

Many of the people who turned out for the memorial knew Sarah intimately, while others did so only in passing.

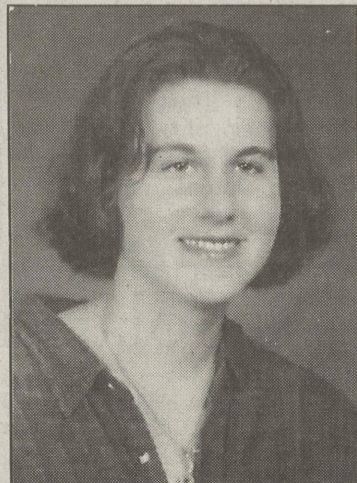
But all agreed: Sarah had somehow touched their lives.

"Not many people are lucky enough to know a person like Sarah," said Karen McLoughlin, a friend who would have run the school's literary magazine with Sarah this semester.

Ed Tomeszko, campus CEO, welcomed the gathering with opening reflections.

"Sarah was an integral part of this campus," he said.

Yet her dedication ran deeper still, as became



SARAH STOVER
Remembered

increasingly apparent.

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” gathered at the front of the assembly, grouped together for both physical and emotional support.

“We connected and grew a really strong friendship,”

said Aimee Stone, one of Sarah's close friends. "She held me up when I was drowning in water; she was my hero and she was my sanctuary."

"She was a rock. She showed me how to be myself," said McLoughlin, as her prepared notes on what to say were crumpled and tossed behind her, useless.

Nothing could prepare the individuals closest to Sarah; the words often came involuntarily, punctuated by tears and memories.

McLoughlin added that she laughs every day, though, "thinking of Sarah being Sarah."

Two themes recurred throughout the memorial, the first being Sarah the teacher.

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