

Remains of Delco's history

■ Penn State Delco is located on land once owned by Thomas Pratt. Pratt's family owned the land for more than a century. Here, they worked their daily farm and made ice cream.

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For the Lion's Eye

The land Penn State Delco now calls home has a rich history.

Even before the first European settlers in the 17th Century, Native Americans were walking across it on the Minquos trail. They were heading to the Delaware River to trade with the Dutch Colonists.

With the arrival of William Penn and the Quakers, the property changed hands several times in the 17th century.

The first Quaker meeting was held here around 1686 at the house of John Bowater. Sometime after the American Revolution, the property came into the possession of Thomas Pratt, the father of our Thomas Pratt.

The younger Thomas Pratt was born on the Penn State grounds in the family home on Feb. 11, 1813. Here he remained until his death on March 5, 1883.

Why is Thomas Pratt important to the history of Penn State Delco's property?

The Pratt family owned the property

for more than 100 years from the 19th Century into the beginning of the 20th Century.

During this period several little known historical events occurred right here on Penn State Delco's campus.

Throughout most of the Pratt family ownership, the property was a dairy farm — like many of the surrounding farms.

During the 19th century, Middletown Township was one of the leading dairy producing areas in the United States. One by-product of the dairy industry was the production of ice cream. In the 19th Century, ice cream was a popular social food, which you went to the local saloon to enjoy. (This wasn't the kind of saloon that served alcohol, just food and treats like ice cream.)

Just like we go to the coffee shop to drink coffee and socialize with our friends, in the 19th Century folks went to the ice cream saloon to socialize.

Thomas Pratt became involved in the production of ice cream during the mid-19th Century. The ice cream was produced right here on the Penn State Delco campus.

According to Henry Graham Ashmead in History of Delaware County (1884),

Thomas Pratt was a pioneer ... in the manufacturing of ice cream ... [that] was made on the farm in Middletown and shipped by boat from Chester to Philadelphia."

During the 1850's and 60's, the Delaware county newspapers were full of ads for ice cream saloons in Chester and Media.

An ad in the May 9, 1860, *Delaware County American* states, "Ice cream! Ice



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All that remains of Thomas Pratt's former estate is this Springhouse/icehouse. Plans are in the works to clean up the area and perhaps, restore the building.

cream! Ice cream, Wm. Beeby having made arrangements with Thomas Pratt, of Middletown, for a constant supply of ice cream ... that which there is none better in the market."

Pratt was also known for his many other ventures during the 19th Century such as serving as a county commissioner, several minor political offices, president of the Delaware County Mutual Insurance Company, and a member of the Delaware County Institute of Science. Pratt was also an outspoken abolitionist, and helped found Elwyn Institute.

The Pratt farmhouse used to stand on the ground between the new

Classroom Building and the Vairo Library. The small creek that runs through the campus today appears on 19th Century maps as "Pratt Run."

Pratt is buried in the Cumberland Cemetery, across the street from the campus.

The only building still standing on the property today from the original Pratt farm is a Springhouse/icehouse, located in the woods adjacent to the Main Building.

This building will be cleaned up and renovated beginning March 17.

Anyone interested in helping with the clean-up should contact Anteia Consorto at (610) 255-0215.



Thomas Pratt

Summer job or summer blob? It's up to you

By DANIELLE ROSSI
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Who would think that summer could be right around the corner? Well, IT IS! So what is your plan?

Lots of lazy days on the beach soaking up the sun or working every hour possible so you can have the money to afford all of the things you plan on doing next fall when you just don't have the time to work?

While many students have chosen a definite career path, some have not. Having a summer internship can provide an opportunity to explore different fields, as well as gain valuable experience in the work place.

Speaking of the workplace, Penn State Delco has designed an online resource to

help students in their quest for the perfect career.

This web site provides a great deal of valuable information as well as links students to other sites such as Student Central, where students can post their resumes and perform job searches.



All you need to do to access this helpful site is go to www.de.psu.edu and click on Job Connections.

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For example, there are some new Information Systems and Technology Internships available for students to apply to.

"I have great companies ready, willing,

and waiting for our students," said Carol Minski, advisor for the Career Development Center. "Vanguard is very eager to interview, business majors are welcome too."

The Career Development Center will even help you with your resume and practice one-on-one interviewing.

Upcoming events include a resume critique all day March 14 in the CDC.

There will also be a very helpful Practice Interview Program March 27-29 on the second Floor Commons/Athletic center.

Call (610) 892-1264 if you are interested and someone will assist you with registration.

No doubt about it, summer is almost here. Don't be the only one left in the shade. Take a walk down to the Career Development Center and tell them "I want a job" or simply check out www.de.psu.edu. It could end up changing your life!

Internship Checklist

- Get your resume to the Career Development Center.
- Meet with the internship Coordinator for your major.
- Review internship listings.
- Attend the required internship workshop
- Send your cover letter and resume to internship employers.
- Confirm offer with employers.
- Sign contract and return forms to the Career Development Center.

(Based on the CDC Internship Campaign Flyer, created by Aimee Stone)

Dozens of students named to dean's list at Penn State Delco

Penn State Delaware County announces its Dean's List for the Fall 2000 semester. To be eligible, a student must earn a 3.5 average, or better, out of 4.0.

Listed by hometown, the students are:

- Aldan: Deborah Muench, Lawrence Smythe
- Alloway, NJ: Arenea Berties
- Ardmore: Horatiu Lemnei, Sansern Sombosong
- Aston: Jamie Baxter, Kristen Brooks, Joseph Hornitz, Karen McLoughlin, Bernadette Tyson
- Avondale: Beatrice Broughton
- Bala Cynwyd: Ricardo Horn
- Berwyn: Kevin Garcia, Michael Klusaritz
- Boothwyn: Bradley Koch, Jeffrey Myers, Amber Stein, Stephanie Williams
- Brookhaven: Alicia Baum, Julia Della Guardia, Chervon Evans, Tara Martini, Chaneta Morgan, Mari Ostbye, Joseph Petka,

- Diana Sequeira, Dorothy Weaver
- Broomall: Jamie Donnelly, Stephen Spera, Michelle Yannarell
- Chester: Brinn Benson, Jennifer Tatarelli, Jeffrey Veacock
- Clifton Heights: Danielle DeCarolis, Victoria Laughhead
- Collingdale: Shani Shepherd, Stephen Watson
- Darby: Walter Williams
- Downingtown: Christine Haas, Robyn Jackson, Jessica Pitner, Sandra Sylvestri
- Drexel Hill: Jacquelyn Callaghan, John DiSantis, Margaret DuFrayne, James Fleming, Kathleen Iaci
- East Lansdowne: Stephen Love
- Essington: Michele Blythe
- Exton: Tiffany Gehringer, Alex Thompson
- Folsom: Christine Jay
- Gladwyne: Kimberly Matthews
- Glen Mills: Michelle Fanelli, Michael Giordano, David Kelly, Yvonne Rotteveel, Jacobus Van Zyl
- Glenolden: Michael Doyle, Richard Nulty,

- Paula Pino
- Haverford: Amanda Heilman, Frederick Miller
- Havertown: Valery Annunzio, Maira Dell'Arciprete, Courtney Devine, Mark Eisman, William Everson, Greg Haas, John Reilly, Erin Sabatini
- Holmes: Alison Long, Kenneth Panco
- Honeybrook: Patrick Thornton
- Kennett Square: Terri Gojda, Lauren Holloway, Keith Hoogstraten, Phillip Thompson
- King of Prussia: Laurie Lucidonio
- Kingston: Wen Chen
- Landenberg: Anteia Consorto
- Landisville: Jo Ann Riegel
- Lansdowne: James Strandberg
- Linwood: Virginia Foltz
- Malvern: Rebecca Blair, Charles Duset, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Lauren Halem, Matthew Murphy, Stephen Schaefer, Amanda Seeley
- Media: Morgan Balay, Paul Benson, Alexander Chu, Michelle Cornacchia, Kristen Dalton, Scott DeBourke, Thomas DeMaio, Gina Ferrante, David Houck, Ghanshyam

- Patel, Michelle Serzan, Jennifer Singleton
- Milmont Park: Allison Showalter
- Morton: Mary DiMeglio, Melissa Hesley
- Narberth: Marlon Jones
- Newtown Square: William Austin, Brenda Comunale, Allison Durinzi, Carolyn Hilden
- Norma, NJ: Jennifer Willis
- Norwood: Mary Clark, Justin DiMatteo, Brendan Keough, Thomas Keough
- Oxford: David Mañan, Vanessa Mock
- Parkeburg: Andrew Pawling
- Philadelphia: Michael Chow, Tara DiSalvo, Francesco Ficchi, Donald Gilmour, Wadeha Henderson, Andrea Irrera, Mau Lieu, Jennifer Naseef, Monica Nevarez, David Preston, Leticia Reynolds, Stephanie Rizzo, Ryan Scott, Amy Shepherd
- Prospect Park: Joseph Dean, Cindy Zarzycki
- Ridley Park: Kelly Dyer, Mark Keenan, Patricia Russo
- Secane: Matthew Rodenbaugh
- Swarthmore: Diana Lieb
- Springfield: Nicholas Arbutina, Karen Gardner, Maureen O'Laughlin, Brett

- Waddington
- Thornton: Melissa Rothstein
- Upper Darby: Petros Botos, Kristin Crocetti, Nick Facas, Sandra Gondi, Robert Heise, Majot Kaur, Sadia Khan
- Uwchland: Kathleen McTear
- Wallingford: Sarah Casey, Jacqueline Daly
- Wayne: Marilu Giurastante, Carrie Goldstein, David Haerland, Justin Mangino, Annika Sieper
- West Chester: Jeffrey Adams, Michael Allen, Shannon Bonner, Ryan Bowen, Evelyn Connell, Stephanie Deak, Molly Dermody, Matthew Didonato, Francis Fisher, Jean Fletcher, Mary Fontanella, Sarah Gallatig, Julie Hill, Shawn Hill, Jennifer King, Stacy Levin, C. Paige McClaskey, Noam Oz, Michael Skilton, Donnell Tiley, Kellie Trigaux, Steve Tsao
- West Grove: Jacob Bevan, Kathleen Mantell
- Wilmington, Del: Aimee Stone
- Wynnewood: David Arnold
- Yeadon: Julie Uhlein