

They have come to suck your blood

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Will you be there? You better be there. We'll give you cookies and juice. Now will you come? There are many good reasons to do it, aside from the cookies and juice.

What is it? Penn State Delco's blood drive, of course. The drive will be April 12 in the second-floor conference room of the Commons Building.

The most important reason to give blood is the fact that the generosity of your donation will help up to five people. Just imagine that. Your blood will be used to help people in need of bone marrow transplants, those who are recovering from car accidents, those afflicted with cancer, and individuals with many other conditions who require life-saving blood in order to survive another day.

You could be their hero. There has been a recent blood shortage in our area, due in part to weather conditions, which sometimes force blood drives to cancel or reschedule, so any and all donations are of the utmost importance to ensure the survival of hundreds of people.

Before you can register to give blood, though, you need to meet certain medical and health conditions. First off, you must be healthy, at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. Individuals who fit this criterion are usually eligible to donate.

Although the Red Cross appreciates any person's willingness to help others in need, the following medical conditions must be present if you wish to donate blood:

- cannot have AIDS or be at risk for it (if you have been sexually active, especially without protection, you may be at risk; this includes any sexual activity with others

who may be at risk or are infected; check with a doctor for more complete information or contact the American Red Cross at the number mentioned at the end of this article)

- Cannot have an abscess or infection on the day of donation that is due to dental work
 - Cannot have a fever
 - Cannot have an active flu
 - Cannot have sore throat or fever due to a cold
 - Cannot have viral Hepatitis (on or after age 11)
 - Cannot be pregnant
 - Cannot have Strep Throat
 - Cannot have Syphilis (within 12 months)
 - Cannot have gotten a tattoo less than a year before donating
 - Cannot have chronic Lyme Disease.
- Federal regulations require that 56 days

pass between blood donations. It is also important to bring some form of I.D. with you on donation day.

Last Fall, our campus had 90 people sign up for the blood drive, with 61 donating blood. This Spring, Sally Ent, coordinator of the blood drive, hopes that 100 people will sign up, with at least 70 donating blood.

"I am hoping that the response will be as overwhelming as it has been before. The faculty, staff, and students on this campus are very giving, and that's what helps a community in need," said Ent.

For more information about the blood drive, or to schedule an appointment, contact Sally Ent in the Commons Building at (610) 892-1278.

For more information pertaining to blood donations, medical inquiries, or how to become involved with volunteer services in your area, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.



Dancers perform at Spring Week last year. This year's offerings include a money machine, a talent show and more.

Kick back and have some fun at Spring Week

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Spring break may be over, but Spring Week is near. This fun-filled week has been graciously funded by the Student Government Association (among others) and is our chance to blow off a little steam and have fun during our last two weeks of the semester.

It's also a great way to calm the nerves before finals, and an even better way to start the summer break.

On each day of Spring Week, there will be a special event held on campus.

Come out and join us.

Have some fun.

Breathe in the fresh, spring air.

If you would like updated information about Spring Week, contact the SGA at (610) 892-1240.

Some highlights of Spring Week

April 16 — TBA

April 17 — Money Machine in the Lion's Den during common hour.

April 18 — Talent Show in the Classroom Building lounge during common hour. Presented by the Multi-Cultural Council.

April 19 — Awards Banquet presented by

Student Government and Student Life to recognize outstanding students in clubs, organizations, and the SGA.

Some of awards include: Walker Award (a student award), Outstanding Adult Student Award, and Outstanding Student Service

Award. Time and location to be announced.

April 20 — BBQ, picnic and a Philipino dance troop to perform (tying in with Asian Awareness Month). BBQ and picnic will be held in the Commons courtyard. The dance troop is scheduled to perform in the Lion's Den.

Celebrating the Islamic New Year

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There are many religions that makes up the population of student's, here on Penn State's Delco campus.

Among them: Christianity, Buddhism, Islam and Catholic, just to name a few.

The Islamic New Year has vastly approached and here is some information that would best help describe the religion, their beliefs and the Islamic New Year.

The Islamic religion dates back to 7th century A.D. in Arabia where the religion first originated.

Muslims believe there is only one God; and he is known as Allah and Mohammed is the prophet.

Muslims worship at mosques as a part of their daily routines. In addition to practicing the Islamic faith, Muslims pray five times daily.

Penn State Junior Shimaa Tahoun has some insight into the Islamic faith. She practices the religion.

Tahoun said one of the many things Islamic followers believe in is that all men are created equal, and the Islam protects the rights of everyone.

The Islamic New Year is based on lunar times. There are two EID (holidays) that are celebrated in the New Year, and the times of the EID may change from year to year depending on the change of the Islamic calendar.

The first EID is Ramadan, a time for Muslims to clean their souls by fasting for 30 days from sunrise to sunset. Also, during Ramadan at the end of the month it is a time for every household to give money for charity.

The second EID for Muslims is to make sacrifices, on the first 10 days of the last month of the Islamic year. The sacrifice is for every family to get a sheep and kill it and give the meat to the poor.

The Islamic New Year symbolizes the day when Mohammed went from Mecca to Medina. The day is called ejerre which comes from the hejerat (which means traveling).

Celebrate the new year with Tahoun and other Muslim students, faculty and staff.

Career Week: Helping you make better decisions

Penn State's Career Development Center is sponsoring a week of activities to help students make informed career decisions.

Whether you're graduating or just looking for a summer job, you might want to attend one or more of the sessions.

Here's a look at some of the events:

Monday, April 2: In class activities/promotions. Faculty and staff can schedule in-class

career related activities for students. You may learn how to build your resume, interviewing skills and where to start your job search.

Tuesday, April 3: Career Fair at University Park. In-state and out-of-state employers will gather in the Bryce Jordan Center at University Park to receive resumes and provide on-the-spot interviews for students from all Penn State campuses. Bring

copies of your resume and dress professionally. Van transportation will be available from Penn State Delco, leaving at 8 a.m. and returning at 8 p.m. To reserve a seat, call Tom Seifried at 610-892-1245 or visit the Career Development Center.

Wednesday and Thursday, April 4-5: On campus recruitment. Employers will be on campus to interview graduating seniors. While interviews

will take place in the Commons Building, Large Conference Room, they are available only by appointment. Call Carol Minski at 610-892-1264 for details.

Friday, April 6: Summer Job Fair. This event is for students looking for summer jobs and internships. Check it out between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Classroom Building Lounge. Bring your resume.

Have a story idea?

How about an opinion? If so, the Lion's Eye staff would like to hear from you. Drop us a line in the Lion's Eye mailbox on the first floor of Main.