

# Eye on Campus

## Move your cans to help out others this holiday



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The fourth annual *Lion's Eye* Canned Food Drive, benefiting CityTeam Ministries, kicks off today and continues until Dec. 19.

The food drive started in 2000 "because I wanted the newspaper to do something to give back to the community," said Anteia Consorto, editor-in-chief of the *Lion's Eye* and founder of the *Lion's Eye* Canned Food drive.

"Without the campus-wide support, there would be no food drive," Consorto added.

The *Lion's Eye* encourages the entire Penn State Delco

campus to come out and donate to the 2003 *Lion's Eye* Canned Food Drive to make this another successful campaign.

The *Lion's Eye* Canned Food Drive is collecting non-perishable food, clothing, hygiene items, paper products, towels and washcloths.

"There are people in the communities in Delaware County who will have no holiday season without those of us who can help them out," Consorto said. "It's not asking a lot to bring a few cans or items and leave them in our bins."

To contribute look for donation bins in the lounges around the campus and next to the *Lion's Eye* newspaper racks, also in the Lion's Den in the Commons building.

## She's made disabilities her crusade

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Have you ever wondered where the automatic doors in main building came from?

Dory Shea knows.

In fact, Shea is part of the reason main building ever received automatic doors to begin with. Shea is a student here at Penn State who has spina bifida. When she came to this campus, she noticed many of the buildings were not completely wheelchair accessible. Therefore she took it upon herself to help Penn State Delco help accommodate students who had disabilities.



### STUDENT PROFILE

**DORY SHEA**

Dory Shea is interviewed on campus by Channel 10's Edie Huggins. Shea, who suffers from spina bifida, is an advocate for students with disabilities and has been a leading force in making sure the Penn State Delco campus remains accessible to those students.

"I used to be Senator for Students with Disabilities on campus," said Shea. "With that role I not only helped Penn State get the automatic doors in main building, I also assisted them with getting a first floor bathroom stall which is wheelchair accessible. Now all the buildings have automatic doors located somewhere, and bathroom stalls that are wheelchair accessible."

Penn State still has some unfortunate but normal problems that Shea bumps into everyday.

"Have you noticed that hill between Main building and Commons?" Shea asked. "I hate going up, but love going down, you just let go."

You can witness the effort that Dory exhibits every day, when she tries to wheel herself up the hill. If you offer to help her you will find it difficult and realize how much strength she must have to encounter it every day.

"I have to have a positive outlook. I make fun of my disability because people don't want to talk to negative people," said Shea. "Instead I like to talk about the safe everyday problems people constantly come across, like boys, and what teachers you should avoid taking."

Last year Shea hosted another disability awareness event on campus.

"The school brought in wheelchairs from different suppliers and from 8:30 until common hour people realized what being in a wheelchair is like," said Shea. "It was pretty funny because I actually saw one girl push her wheelchair up the hill, and I was like

'hey I can't do that.'"

Shea also realizes that although she is like any other student she has to depend on a few things.

"For example if I fall out of my wheelchair, I call security. I actually have their number programmed in my cell phone," Shea said. "And if there is ever a fire, I have to trust that someone from security or maintenance will come and get me."

Although Penn State has made huge efforts in helping accommodate students like Shea there are still a few kinks they need to work out.

"Well I can't use the van on campus, or get to the new gazebo," said Shea. "I find it frustrating to know my money is going to use for stuff I can't use."

Shea does not mind talking or teaching others about her disability.

"I am about the third generation of people with spina bifida still alive," informed Shea. "They invented a technique called a shunt, in the late 50's. I got a shunt when I was about two weeks old. A shunt allows fluid to travel down the brain into the stomach."

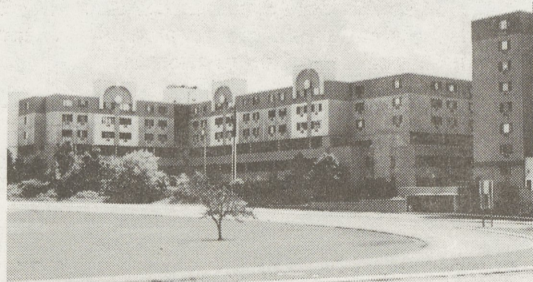
Shea is also a member of the Spina Bifida Association of the Delaware Valley (SBADV).

"I am on the SBNDV, which is an adult network made up of people with spina bifida ages 18 and up," said Shea. "Although there are very few of us."

Shea is very determined on campus.

"I want everyone to see me as a student with a disability, not as a disabled student," said Shea.

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