

# Eye on Campus

## Their crowning achievement: Toomey, Pantaleone are tops

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Three months later, the Mr. & Ms. Penn State Delco Pageant finally got off the ground Jan. 16, 2004.

Two cancellations dating to the Fall 2003 semester caused the delay in the pageant, but the event, everyone agreed, was a success.

The Black Student League's big event had a great turnout. The pageant had nine contestants — four men and five ladies.

The contestants competed in events to show off their Penn State pride, their talent, and some formal wear, too. There were also two question-and-answer sessions to help the judges narrow the contestants to the winners.

After a very creative Penn State pride wear and talent portion, the contestants got into formal wear and answered questions about issues at Delco.

These four categories led to eliminating a few contestants for the final round. The finalists were Jackie Clarke, Daria Pantaleone and Heather Losey among the women; Uzair Qadeer, Brandon Goveas, and Jonathan Toomey among the men.

The final factor in the competition was a question-and-answer round with questions like, "What does the Nittany Lion mean to you?" and "How would you increase campus involvement?" All the contestants gave thought-provoking answers.

But, as with everything in life, there

has to be a winner.

The titles went to Toomey and Pantaleone.

Toomey is a senior here, and Pantaleone is a freshman.

Toomey won over the judges by dressing as a baseball player and singing "God Must Have Spent A Little More Time on You" by N'Sync.

Pantaleone reminded everyone of the holidays in her festive PSU wear, and did a dance routine to "I Like the Way You Move" by Outkast.

Both contestants showed true Penn State Pride with their answers to the questions asked. The two winners were crowned and received gifts for their accomplishments.

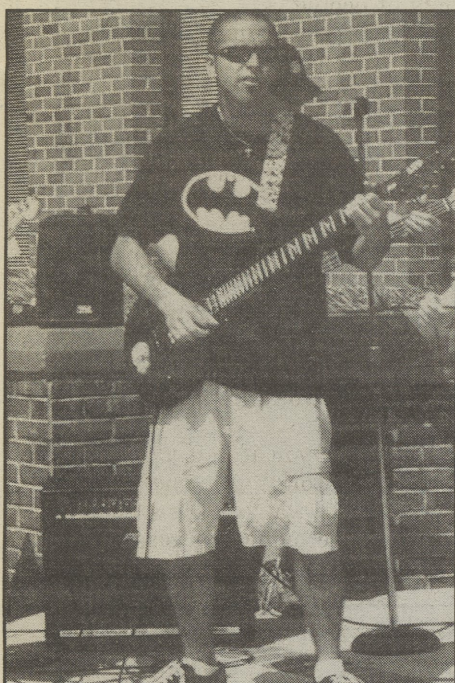
Now, they are eligible to compete in the university-wide pageant at University Park.



Photo by Anteia Consorto

Jonathan Toomey and Daria Pantaleone: Mr. and Ms. Penn State.

## Student Spotlight: Carlo Luciani is strumming and studying as he pursues goal of becoming rock star



Lion's Eye file photo

Carlo Luciani can be seen performing at campus Open Mic events.

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Carlo Luciani is a junior at Penn State Delco and also attends Immaculata College where he studies music therapy. Not only is he a hard-working student, but he is also a talented musician who is very passionate about music.

It's that passion for music that puts him in our student spotlight this month.

Luciani started playing the guitar six years ago. He took guitar lessons for four years and he also plays the bass guitar. His guitar collection consists of three electric and one acoustic. The first song he learned to play was Nirvana's "Come As You Are." He played in a few different bands throughout his junior and senior year at Archbishop Carroll High School. During his senior year there, he performed the "Star Spangled Banner" as a guitar solo. He sometimes plays the drums for fun too.

Luciani participated in Open Mic event in Fall 2001, Spring and Fall of

2002, and in Spring 2003, when he organized the entire event. He and his fellow "musical buddy" Gerry Dungan were the main producers.

His favorite song to perform, he says, is "In the End" by Linkin Park.

"Because I had doubts, it turned out to be the best performance," he says of his first attempt at rapping.

To prepare, he stayed up all night before the performance and practiced the song over and over again.

"I didn't have much confidence," he recalls.

Before the performance, the band dealt with replacing their missing bass player; they had to train a new one in time for the show.

"The song turned out perfect," he said. "I didn't expect that at all."

During another song, though, he ran into some technical difficulties. In mid-performance, the band lost power. They were able to pull this off by finishing their song when the power was quickly recovered. With a raised eyebrow he said, "That song by Blink 182, was the

song I was very confident about."

So why is he studying at Penn State and not at a music school?

"I don't feel the need to study music on a college level," he said.

And why an HDFS major?

"I study music therapy at Immaculata and it intertwines with HDFS," he said.

Luciani loves music and tries to assist people in becoming passionate about their own musical talents.

"My work ethic is now strong, my ambition is greater and this place (Penn State) pushes me to graduate," Luciani said.

He is currently composing lyrics and music for original songs. He wants to contribute his talent to the music world by making an impact on people's lives.

"Entertaining gives me a feeling of empowerment," he said.

He's on a mission to make it big. He plans on starting a real band and getting a record label.

"Music is my life," he said. "And I plan on accomplishing my ultimate goal of becoming a rock star."

## Friends, classmates and family mourn David Huynh

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David Huynh, a freshman who attended his first semester last fall at Penn State Delco, died suddenly and tragically in a skiing accident in Lake Placid, N.Y. Dec. 31.

Huynh was vacationing with his family when the unfortunate accident occurred. Huynh was a resident of Clifton Heights and a graduate of

Upper Darby High School in 2003.

Huynh was described by one of his friends as being ambitious, funny, and smart. He was registered to attend Penn State Altoona for the spring semester.

"No matter who needed him for any reason he was there," said Angeline Napoles, a friend of Huynh. She went on to say "he was always humble and had the cutest dimples when he smiled."

Kevin Murtaugh, a close friend, described Huynh as loyal and affection-

ate.

"Dave came off as a shy kid, but he was the best friend anyone could ever ask for," Murtaugh said. "He will be truly missed by all of his friends."

"Through any troublesome moments, love was able to prevail," Huynh's girlfriend, Melissa McDevitt, said.

"We were soulmates who looked to each other for guidance. As different as we were, our unique traits complemented each other.

"This connection allowed us to experience new things, meet new people, and truly live."

Services for Huynh were held Jan. 26, 2004, at the M.F. Williams Funeral Home in Clifton Heights.

His death is a great loss to the Penn State community and, more importantly, to his friends and family.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the American Cancer Society, 1615 West Chester Pike, Suite 101, West Chester, PA 19382.