

Eye on Campus

New campus group gets out and about

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Dr. Michael Madden, a campus psychology professor, and students Cathy Basquill and Frank Vaccaro, the leaders of Penn State Delco's Outdoor Leadership Club, sit around Madden's desk joking and laughing.

After having two preliminary meetings to see what students and faculty would be interested in doing actively outdoors, the club's focus is youth leadership and using nature to its full advantage. Among the events already planned are a discounted ski trip, a camping trip to Ridley Creek State Park and a rigorous canoe trip in the Canadian wilderness.

The club was formed to provide students and faculty with opportunities that Madden, Basquill and Vaccaro have already had or have interest in.

All have had some form of outdoors experience. Perhaps this is what sparked the idea for a club in which students and faculty could participate, and develop skills that made them better leaders and team players.

The proposal did not fall on deaf ears either; after an abundance of response, an itinerary for the next few semesters was quickly developed.

Already on the agenda are the ski and canoe trips, as well as nature walks at Ridley Creek

park every Friday; campus-wide outdoor games for common hour; a camping trip to Hawk Mountain; several backpacking trips; and, possibly, mountain biking excursions.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of every month during common hour in the Commons building.

Vaccaro took his club's goals very seriously, stating: "We want to be the most successful club on campus."

That isn't far-fetched either. Another part of the mission statement is to stir up more of that "Penn State community" feeling and to involve as many people as possible.

The club was the brainchild of Madden and Vaccaro, while Basquill was taken on to "balance the ticket," they say.

There's more than enough experience in the these three. Madden has 20 years of experience in the Canadian Wilderness living, while the two students have done everything from white-water rafting to rock climbing.

They all feel that activities like this will promote togetherness among otherwise distant students and faculty.

The club isn't just for fun either; the canoe trip will serve as a kinesiology credit. Later in the club's progress, leaders and teams will be instituted for each trip.

Contact Frank Vaccaro at FRV101@psu.edu.

Five Quick Questions for ...

PROF. STEVEN CIMBALA

Professor Steven Cimbala joined Penn State Delco in 1973.

In the past 32 years, he has taught courses in American government, international relations, comparative politics, political theory, intelligence, U.S. national security policy and other topics.

He's a sports fan and finds Philadelphia fans' love for their home teams astonishing, having grown up in Pittsburgh.

1. Who is your least favorite pop icon, and why?

Choosing one is agonizing. I suppose Dennis Miller and Madonna top the list.

2. What is one store in the mall you will never enter, and why?

I will enter any store that offers me a bargain; I'm cheap!

3. If you could have any super power (or powers) what would it (they) be?

Super powers? I would be an X-man, probably Wolverine, with the added capability for shape shifting. Look out, bad guys.

4. VW Beetle or Ford Excursion?

I drive what I can afford (a 10-year-old Ford Escort), but, if I ever win the Powerball, I'll get myself a Mustang like Steve McQueen's.

5. Who is the 21st President of the United States?

Chester Arthur. He is among a long list of Presidents in the 19th century who are undistinguished and deservedly forgettable, with a few exceptions (like Lincoln).

STUDENT ERIN MacQUEEN

Erin MacQueen is a second-semester freshmen at Penn State Delco, planning on majoring in communications arts and sciences.

She graduated from Great Valley High School and plans to further her education after Penn State at law school.

MacQueen chose Delco for the location and the price. The school is close to where she lives and she finds it affordable.

MacQueen is involved in Lion Ambassadors but also has interests outside of school. She works at Paoli Pharmacy, while attending school full-time. She enjoys reading and getting together with her friends.

1. Who is your least favorite pop icon and why?

Michael Jackson. He's a pervert. Need I say more?

2. What is one store in the mall you and never enter and why?

Habitat. I don't know what goes in there. I don't really want to.

3. If you could have any super-power (or powers) what would it (they) be?

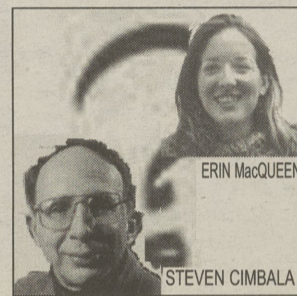
I can't make up my mind; I want all of them ... X-ray vision, ability to disappear, read minds, flying etc.

4. VW Beetle or Ford Excursion?

Both. A pink VW Beetle for the summer and a yellow Ford Excursion for the winter.

5. Who is the 21st President of the United States of America?

I am ashamed to say that I have no idea!



Interviews by Lion's Eye staff writer Lauren O'Neil

LION'S EYE CROSSWORD

Director of the **Maerby**. Use letters in crossword to find out this director's name (and vice versa). Stumped? Email me, Andrew Wulfer: aww147@psu.edu

ACROSS

- One of the many stally incorrect ways of spelling homework
- The number of licks it takes an owl to get to the center of a loogie roll pop
- Relatively new show on cartoon network featuring an "intertie" superhero
- In film and Disney, the company that marketed "Log"
- The technical term for the only type of alcohol safe for consumption
- An inappropriate event to pick up members of the opposite sex, and also to perform standup comedy
- A natural periodic state of rest for the mind and body, in which the eyes usually closed and consciousness is completely or partially lost. So that there is a decrease in body movement and responsiveness to external stimuli.
- The cause of our recent afternoon class cancellation
- Our school-sponsored upcoming trip in March is to this city
- Spicks generally shield these from the harsh outside environment

DOWN

- The third stage in Sigmund Freud's model of psychoanalytic development
- The "original" talking horse
- Three-horned quadruped dinosaur often depicted in film
- My name spelled backwards
- An Inuit or Eskimo dwelling, especially a dome-shaped winter dwelling built of blocks of packed snow
- Second person singular/plural pronoun in English
- A shark's only set of bones are these
- In Greek mythology, an animal with the head of a man, the body of a lion, and the tail of a scorpion
- A cube has this many sides
- One of Fozzie bear's favorite sayings
- One of the many diligent and quintessential members of our custodial staff
- A rapid, persistent chemical change that releases heat and light and is accompanied by flame, especially the exothermic oxidation of a combustible substance
- The city in which Penn State Delco resides