

# Eye on Campus

## Lisa Yerges is named Woman of the Year

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Lisa Yerges, Penn State Delco's director of business services, took home the Woman of the Year Award at the Women's Commission luncheon March 29 in the Commons building.

Staff member Kathy Yanoshak, who presented the award, described Yerges as a person dedicated to Penn State Delco and to the Delaware County environment, in that she also serves on numerous on-campus committees.

"She is a quick thinker who develops new ideas," Yanoshak said. "She is well-liked and respected by her co-workers, and the Delco campus is a better place because of her."

Speechless, Yerges could utter only "gosh" and "gee." before thanking the commission, adding that she was "so touched" that she had been

## PSU Delco commission luncheon focuses on life during Civil War

chosen for the award.

The guest speaker for the commission meeting was Catherine Datte-Smyth, who holds a master's degree in historic fashions and has spent many years of researching historic clothing. She is a Penn State alum and is an English professor at Strayer University in King of Prussia.

The Women's Commission is a group of women who have formed to exchange ideas and turn them into practices. Faculty, staff members, students, and technical staff are involved with the Women's Commission.

For the luncheon, the front of the room had four tables covered in 18th century belongings, such as bonnets, umbrellas, shawls, corsets, and actual books used during the Civil War.

Folk music played while guests ate. The lunch was provided by the Lion's Pit, but desserts were donated by many Delco faculty members.

Not only does Datte-Smyth make all of her own clothing, but her daughter also makes historic dresses and accessories. She has received many awards for her work.

Datte-Smyth gave a PowerPoint presentation called "Women's Roles During the American Civil War," during which she said feelings of weakness and dependency were an essential characteristic of a true woman in that period.

Domestic life then consisted of child care, maintaining a house, sewing, cooking — women often died cooking when their dresses caught on fire — laundry and socializing when appropriate.

It doesn't sound like these women were weak.

Datte-Smyth went on to tell of all the courageous things women went through and ways they contributed to war efforts. Some roles she spoke about: medical supporters, spies, soldiers, women in commissions, and as couriers who carried letters. Union army nurses received food, transportation, and 40 cents a day; but they also worked 17-hour shifts.

Datte-Smyth provided multiple pictures in her presentation. Some pictures included women who were disguised as male soldiers. She explained the three gowns that were on mannequins across the front of the room. The first gown was a walking gown, the second was a ball gown and the third was a workout dress in which women could do gymnastics.

## How to keep your PC up and running

Hello fellow Penn Staters.

I'm here, filling in for Jonathan Leonhard, to write about things that can slow down your computer. So listen up if you find that your brand-new Pentium Four is running like a brand old Shmenium Fork.

**Virus:** A virus uploads itself to your computer and causes it to perform an undesirable action.

"Undesirable action" is a good way of saying, "Screws Up Comp!" To stop viruses in their tracks, go to <http://downloads.its.psu.edu> and install Symantec AntiVirus under the Virus

Detection header. New viruses are always being developed, so it's also important to update Symantec. It's free and it's the best protection out there for viruses, so *get it!*

**Hackers:** Believe it or not, there are a lot of people out there that would just love to take control of your computer. Unfortunately, sometimes when a hacker strikes, it's hard to find out everything that may have been done to your poor, defenseless system. To prevent this from happening, make sure you keep on top of your operating system updates. For Windows, go to <http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com>. For Macintosh, go to the Apple

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## Five Quick Questions for ...

### Student Jen Plascha

Sophomore Jen Plascha graduated from Sun Valley High School in Aston two years ago. She picked Penn State Delaware County because of its small campus and its proximity to her home. She is currently majoring in elementary education and plans to transfer to West Chester next semester. Jen dances at a studio outside of the school, and also works as a dance teacher at Rhythmic Visions Dance Center.

1. **What is your favorite black-and-white movie?**  
I don't really know any.

2. **Who is your favorite Beatle?**  
I don't have a favorite.

3. **MTV or CMT?**  
MTV.

4. **What would you do for a Klondike Bar?**  
I'm not really sure.

5. **What is the gestation period for a horse?**  
I'm not really sure but because I watch "Full House," I know that it takes an elephant 22 months.



JEN PLASCHA

### Professor Dr. Priscilla Clement

Dr. Priscilla Clement was one of the "original 13" faculty members hired when PSU Delco opened in 1966. Most of her 40 years teaching has been at PSU Delco, but earlier in her career, she taught at Santa Ana College in California. She teaches many classes, including women's studies and advanced history courses. She even developed the History of Welfare and Poverty class for PSU Delco.

1. **What is your favorite black-and-white movie?**

"The Philadelphia Story." It is about my adopted home city, and stars one of my favorite actresses, Katharine Hepburn.

2. **Who is your favorite Beatle?**

Ringo ... I love the drums.

3. **MTV or CMT?**

MTV. I grew up with Rock n' Roll.

4. **What would you do for a Klondike Bar?**  
Not much, since I can't eat chocolate.

5. **What is the gestation period for a horse?**  
11 months.

— By Lion's Eye staff member LAUREN O'NEIL

Menu, then click on "Software Update."

**Spyware and Adware:** These two are in the same category because they affect your computer in the same way. Spyware and Adware can latch onto your system in a number of ways. They can sneak on during an installation of another program, or climb into your system using an open port. Regardless, getting rid of Spyware

and Adware is a little easier thanks to the development of two key programs. Spybot "Search and Destroy" ([www.spybot.info](http://www.spybot.info)) and Lavasoft's "Ad-Aware Second Edition" ([www.lavasoft.de-Download.com](http://www.lavasoft.de-Download.com) link) scan for those kind of threats and dispose of them.

Just install, update, and run both of them. When both are finished scanning, make sure you delete all critical threats by select-

ing them, then choosing "delete" or "Fix Selected Problems."

These are the easiest ways to get the junk that the Internet may dump onto your computer. Remember to watch out to what you say "Yes" to on the Net, and don't open e-mails from people you don't know. If you run across something or have any questions, drop the this techie an email ([JMD394@psu.edu](mailto:JMD394@psu.edu)).

Happy surfing.