

# Eye On Campus

## Delco Career Fair: A Success By Business Standards

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Against a room full of employers, juniors and seniors dressed to impress and brought prepared, and hopefully edited, resurés. By doing this, they can hopefully gain some insight on how to obtain a job or grab an internship before graduation. Penn State Delco's career services hosted the Spring Job Fair on March 30 in the Classroom Building Lounge.

Anticipating the transition from college to the professional work force, the students met with representatives from over 20 companies throughout Delaware County.

The fair offered a sample of companies to students that varied from young companies experiencing rapid growth in recent years as well as senior companies with a firm reputation. Even though the companies attending the fair have local offices, they are highly recognized. For example, a handful boasted a place in the Fortune 500, such as Davita, a dialysis company from Berwyn and State Farm car insurance.

Over 70 students squeezed their way through the room covered with tables from wall to wall to speak to prospective employers of offering part time and full time opportunities.

Students arrived in business casual attire. Many came prepared having researched potential employers. The goal of students was to leave a solid impression and develop contacts in the local business community.

Resurés passed hands and conversations flowed about available positions and company credentials. Students put forth their best efforts, despite the loud noise and intimidating nature of the event.

"I thought it was actually a little overwhelming. I tried to do research before hand, but it was just overwhelming," Rachel Gosselin, a senior business major said.

With so many people and limited space, it would be careless not to mention that students' potential careers were at stake.

"I just forgot everything," added Gosselin.

Not only were students able to make strong connections, but they received and reached out to recruiters for advice and support.

Sally Ent, a career counselor here at Delco said that the event was good for networking.

Even if students don't walk away with a job, they gain experience talking to employers and feeling out what kinds of jobs they want.

Wawa representative, Catherine Corcoran advised participants to look at the mission statement and values of each company to see if it matches with their own values and needs.

She also suggested students to talk to people who actually work in their stores.

State Farm, an annual participant in the career fair, offers opportunities in such fields as claims, human resources, agency and public affairs.

"We are looking for people with good communication skills, outgoing and who exhibit customer service skills," Michelle Bitzberger, State Farm operations recruiter said.

Graduating seniors in search of a job shouldn't just take into consideration what the companies are looking for, but what they want for themselves.

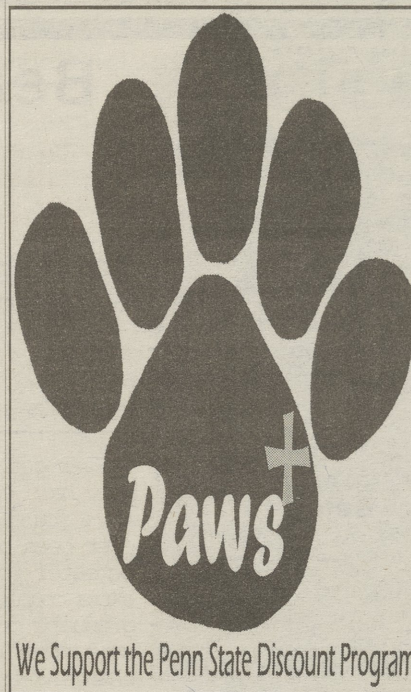
Comcast Cable has operations nationwide. If a student wants to travel, they can choose a company with offices across the country to make transferring effortless said Jennifer Ostrowsky, a Comcast employee who was boasting their good, solid reputation, offering a variety of departments in different locations.

"That's very exciting, especially for a young person," she said.

ReMed, a residential rehabilitation facility for adult survivors of traumatic brain injuries, seeks students in psychology and health related fields.

Diane Amicone, ReMed program, director suggests students keep their options open and work in many different areas to gain experience.

Her advice: "Go for something you enjoy...and interview a lot!"



By Sean Nichols  
Special to the Lion's Eye

Something interesting has just started for students, faculty, and staff at Penn State Delaware County. What you may ask? Why the PAWS+ discount program. Newly formed, the PAWS+ program was organized by the Student Affairs Committee of the SGA to benefit students, faculty, and staff in receiving discounts that local businesses provide at their discretion.

While in the organizing stages for several months, the Student Affairs Committee drafted a letter, a business form, and a "PAWS+" logo for the businesses to complete, and return to the Student Affairs Chair. Valentine's Day 2006 officially started the kickoff event. Several members of the committee approached all of the businesses at the local Granite Run Mall to see if they would be interested in joining the program.

The program, similar to the PAWS HERE program at Penn State Altoona, was very successful for local businesses in the Altoona, Pennsylvania area.

## A New Way To Save Money For College Students

Why couldn't it work for Penn State Delaware County?

The students introduced themselves, and gave the managers of the businesses the informational packet explaining what the program was, and what its main purpose was intended to do; Not only to provide discounts to students, faculty, and staff, but to also give a sense of Penn State awareness within the community. The businesses had three weeks to decide if they wanted to be represented in this growing program. The deadline quickly approached, and five businesses had returned the completed form.

The "PAWS+" logos were printed out, and personally hand delivered to the managers before the start of the program on April 1, 2006. The businesses include: The American Café Restaurant, Bain's Deli, Orange Julius/Dairy Queen, Panda Express, and Sam's. These businesses are all located on the first and second floors of the mall, and are all easily accessible. Each of the businesses is providing a discount of 10% to the students, faculty, and staff that show their Penn State ID cards to the employee assisting with the bill.

The program continues throughout the rest of the year and ends on December 31, 2006. At that time the managers of the businesses will have the option of reapplying to the program. With this in mind, hopefully "PAWS+" will become a permanent program within the Student Affairs Committee at Penn State Delaware County.

If students, faculty, staff should know of any local businesses that are interested in the program, please visit the SGA website, or contact the Student Affairs Chair, Sean Nichols at sdn5001@psu.edu.

## A Flying Start To Frisbee Intramurals

### -Commentary-

On top of a hill, on a bed of grass, a group of people stands hunched over. Their hands are clasping their knees as they simultaneously gasp for air, their chests heaving up and down. Suddenly the phrase "Disc in!" is yelled, and all the players are at attention, looking downfield and wiping the last bit of sweat off their brows. Within minutes, one team is gleaming with joy, high-fiving each other as the other team is taking the walk of shame down to the other end.

The wind blows and sends a mixed blessing. The breeze cools the participants yet creates a tougher game, but everyone is up for a challenge. The disc is flung across the field and as soon as it is about to fall, the wind picks up and swerves it to the left. A couple of quick passes places them a little more than quarter of the way down the field. Man-to-man coverage begins, and the running commences. Playful banter to confuse

opponents and other strategies are put into place.

This describes the Ultimate Frisbee intramurals held every Tuesday on top of the soccer field with the occasional Thursday game, volunteers permitting. The game usually lasts an hour starting at 11:30. The games are strictly pick-up and the rules are simple. Take no more than 3 steps, no body contact, a 5 second holding rule, and if the disc is dropped, a change of possession occurs.

Smiles gleam over the faces of the players during and after the game. Conversation of sensational plays and missed opportunities arise, and all leave with a sense of pride and enjoyment. Anyone is welcome to join and everyone is encouraged to do so.

Come on out. Bring your friends. Have fun! Play your best! Get your cardiovascular activity in and always remember the chance that you got to scream "Disc In!" and watch an orange Frisbee fly down the length of the field.

-Amar Ganti

## 3 VS 3 Basketball Tourney

By JULIA HAGAN  
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The three on three basketball league is in full swing at Penn State Delco. Fifteen teams of three compete every

Monday and Wednesday in the gym during common hour.

"If you want to see organized chaos, come to the three on three basketball league," said Athletic Director Joe DiAntonio.

The popular annual event has always drawn a large group of participants. This year, the copious list of bas-

ketball hopefuls demanded two divisions instead of the usual single pool of players.

The league offers competitive and fast-paced games as well as a needed outlet for basketball fans whom did not play on this year's successful varsity squads.

The action continues until the end of the school year.