

# Eye On Campus

## Delco Community Update

### Entrance to Major Deadline Approaches

Sophomores must complete "Entrance to Major" by Feb. 10. Go to [elion.psu.edu](http://elion.psu.edu) to confirm major. Advisors will be available in Main, 214 to assist with the process on Feb. 7. and 8, common hour.

### Career Services Holds Workshop

"Networking Your Way to a Job" teaches students how to network and job search through Delco's campus resources. Feb. 21, common hour in Room 101, Classroom.

### Disability Office Offers Scholarships

Office offers nine scholarships to students with disabilities. Information and application forms can be found at <http://www.equity.psu.edu/ode/students/scholarship-info.asp>. Applications due April 30. Sharon Manco, [sam26@psu.edu](mailto:sam26@psu.edu).

### THONG Dancer Mail Wanted

Four dancers will represent Delco's at the event and encourage students to send letters, cards, pictures or photos to cheer them on during the 48 hour marathon. Bring the items to Student Life no later than Feb. 10.

### Students Invited to Delco's

#### 2nd Annual Ski Trip

On Feb. 26 students can ski and go tubing at low cost at Big Boulder Ski Mountain. Last day to sign up- Feb. 22. Bus scheduled to leave and return to school. Contact Frank Friday at Outdoor Club.

Reservations necessary, contact Student Life for ticket info.

### Penn State MADE Community Project

Join city team ministries serving in Chester to serve dinner on Feb. 10. from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Transportation available. Contact Jenny Johnson,

## Office of Student Life

### Celebrates Black History Month

#### -A Family of Artists Brings to Campus "The Healing Force"

A celebration of African culture through storytelling and music takes place on Feb. 9 at 11:30 a.m, Classroom Building Lounge.

#### -USB Breakdancers Perform

A spectacular show filled with acrobatic stunts and dances moves to a blend of disco, funk, hip-hop, and more comes to campus on Feb. 14. at 11:30 a.m.

#### -Film "The Untold Story Of Emmet Louis Till"

On Feb. 20 and 22. at 12:30 p.m. the film will be shown in the Classroom Building, Room 101.

#### -BSL Holds Soul Food Fest

Students are invited to enjoy the African American cuisine on Feb. 28. at 11:30 a.m. in the Classroom Building Lounge.

## Student Fondly Remembered For His "Burning Love Of Life"

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Colin Fitzpatrick, 18, of West Chester and student at Penn State Delaware County, died Jan. 30 following an auto accident on Route 202.

Colin graduated in 2004 from Unionville High School, where he served as captain of the ice hockey team.

Colin's oldest sister, Cara, said "he was a huge Toronto Maple Leafs fan, not the Flyers. He was a huge fan of life."

"Colin was the funniest person in the world, no joke," she said.

At PSU-Delaware County, Colin was an honor student and planned to become a teacher.

Pat O'Brien, who worked with Colin in the PSU Writing Center, said he was a conscientious student and "a fine human being." O'Brien recalled that Fitzpatrick enjoyed teaching him about hockey.

"He would have made a wonderful teacher," said O'Brien. "What I will always remember about Colin is his genuine warmth and kind spirit. He is the kind of person you never forget and I won't."

Dr. Adam J. Sorkin, professor of English, shared his memories of Fitzpatrick as a student in his class, Reading Poetry (English 263.)

"...I was very impressed with his outgoing attitude and infectious enthusiasm. His abilities too, caught my eye," Sorkin said.

Sorkin contributed an anecdote that he thinks speaks of Fitzpatrick's character: "I remember what a good sport he was about volunteering to read aloud in class, a James Stephens poem. Nor was Colin daunted by the request to read it with an Irish brogue."

"(He had) such a burning love of life...a terrible shame that it had to be snuffed out this way."

Since the age of five, Colin spent his summers at Camp Tygart in Huntonville, West Va.. When he was older, he served as a counselor there. His sister, Cara, said the camp was his passion.

"He was a great, great singer," Cara said, adding that he made rap CDs in his spare time.

Students from Penn State and numerous universities poured out their grief with other friends of Fitzpatrick on the website [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).



Photo Courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick

Colin Fitzpatrick, a Freshman honor student, passed away last week.

Mandy Mellon, Penn State wrote, "I just wanted to say that I miss you so much and I know you will always be looking down on me...watching like my big brother...I have just been thinking about all the good times and I still kind of can't believe this all really happened but I'm hanging in there and I think of you every minute of every day."

Stephanie Walsh, Penn State wrote, "Colin, you really were a great guy who loved life and was by far one of the funniest people I will ever meet. You touched so many lives, and I was one of them, I will never forget you and the memories you have given me...I only wish I had more. You will be missed."

Elizabeth Larkin, Penn State wrote, "Colin, I miss you... a lot! The only highlight about going to math was sitting next to you... You were an amazing math tutor! Hope to see you when my journey comes my way. Peace and love."

Colin is survived by his parents, Gale M. Dougherty Fitzpatrick and Patrick J. Fitzpatrick, two sisters, Cara M. Fitzpatrick and Gillian. M. Fitzpatrick. A funeral mass was held on Feb. 4. at Maximilian Kolbe Church, Route 202.

Donations in his memory may be made to Camp Tygart/Youth Ministry, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003.

## Bone Woman Shares Destiny With Delco

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However, her dream suddenly became a nightmare when she encountered the hundreds of bodies in Africa and Europe. She still maintained a sense that she was fulfilling her destiny by reaching out to the dead and by doing so help to comfort the families they left behind.

"I never questioned what I was doing there. I was tremendously happy and fulfilled to be helping in the field. I only realized after the fact how many dangerous situations our teams got into on missions," she said.

As a result of her journeys into the real world, Koff has dedicated herself to a new project. She calls it the "Missing Persons Identification Resource Center" (MPID). It is a non-profit organization based in California that, she hopes, will be able to help find the remains and identify an estimated 100,000 missing persons in the United States.

"We will work with their families to draw up a true anthropological profile that can be submitted to

law enforcement," Koff said, adding that the initiative is still in the planning stages.

Despite what she has seen in her work, Koff is convinced that humanity is capable of overcoming the practice of murder and genocide.

"I believe every human being is capable of making the other choice which is to resolve conflict through means that do not involve murder," she said, adding that the timeline for such an abolishment is impossible to predict but that it is indeed possible and that's what's important.

As part of a promotion tour for her U.S. project Koff will pay Penn State Delco a visit on Thursday April 13. She will host a gathering during common hour from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. where she will read excerpts from "The Bone Woman," talk about her experiences and answer questions about her and the field she works in.

There will also be a special book-signing event in the Classroom Building lounge.