Famous Creamery Helps Penn State Alumni Raise Student Scholarship Funds

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OLIVER (Fayette Co.)-Dairy products from the largest, and probably the most famous, creamery in the nation, supported an Alumni Society's fundraising effort here on May 9. Penn State's Creamery at University Park provided the 579 half gallons of ice cream and yogurt that were sold to raise finds for a student scholarship.

The most popular of the flavors? Butter pecan which sold

93 half gallons. Peachey Paterno was close behind at 79. In all people could choose from 11 ice cream and 2 yogurt flavors.

Though only 11 options were available at this sale, new flavors are always being created, and visitors may wonder how names are chosen. Some pay tribute to Penn State faculty who have made outstanding contributions to higher education. Cherryquist, for instance, a creamy black cherry and vanilla ice cream, is named for John Almquist, professor emeritus of

dairy science and the 1982 winner of the Wolf Prize the highest awarded in agricultural science. Keeney Beany, a double chocolate ice cream with chocolate chunks, pays tribute to Professor Emeritus Philip Keeney, a nationally recognized teacher and scientist in ice cream and chocolate technology. A more recent addition, Peachy Paterno, was named to honor Penn State's famous football

At the morning pick up in Fayette County, a constant

stream of supporters came by to pick up their dairy products. For most it was a quick stop. But some stopped to chat with the 7-10 volunteers who were filling the ice cold orders. For John Yukish, President of Fayette campus Alumni Society and campus Advisory Board member, the morning was an opportunity to greet University alumni from as far as Pittsburgh and West Virginia, CRH Catering, Connellsville, provided the refrigerated truck to bring the frozen product from State

College for the sale.

Other volunteers included Rita Gumbert, Uniontown, who works on week days in the Fayette campus finance office. She brought her eleven year old daughter Ashely and a friend Tina Bandzuch. Alumni staff, Leslie Stafford and Janet Gibson extended their efforts in the alumni office to this hands on part of the enterprise.

According to the Penn State web site, most visitors to Penn State's Creamery know about its

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John Yukish, president of the Fayette Alumni Society and campus Advisory Board member, helps fill an order for a hungry customer, while Rita Gumbert, her daughter Ashley, and a friend Tina Bandzuch stand ready to help. Based in one of 24 Penn State locations, the Fayette Alumni Society is part of one of the largest alumni groups in the nation. About 140,000 people are currently dues paying members of the Penn State Alumni Association. Photo by David Hiebert.

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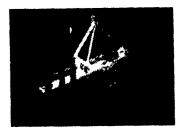
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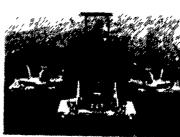
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