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# Faculty Senate allows extracurricular credit

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The University Faculty Senate voted at its meeting Tuesday to allow students to obtain academic credit from experiences outside the classroom.

According to the Senate agenda, students who acquire college-level knowledge outside the University can earn credit by compiling and submitting a portfolio. The student must be enrolled at the University and have acquired at least three credits or more before being eligible for the portfolio option.

For example, students who would have worked on a U.S. Air Force base would be able to gain credit in a science class by describing and documenting their knowledge in that field.

portfolio credit was a good idea and is something those in the military think about when learning experience. choosing a university.

"It's actually a big concern," he said. "They stress it when you get out of the Marine Corps that you try to contact the school and see if you can get any credit.'

According to the Senate agenda, a suggested procedure would be used when a student seeks credit through portfolio assessment. The student would discuss the option with advisers and the Center for Adult Learner Services and get a handbook providing information on obtaining credit for past subject experience.

The student would then consult with faculty when creating their portfolio. The portfolio would contain information about how the prior experience relates to the University to a higher-level course.

Erik Orient (sophomore-history) said the course, petitions for credit for the course and documentation of the student's prior

After the portfolio is evaluated, the credit would be authorized by a department head and noted on the student's transcript.

Leonard Berkowitz, chair for the Senate committee on admissions, records, scheduling and student aid, said students' portfolios would be reviewed by department heads of courses for which students are seeking credit

Some Senate members discussed the frustration of adult learners who have had experience in an area that is covered in a course. Those students may be frustrated with having to learn about a topic in which they are already knowledgeable. Accepting portfolio credit would allow those students to move on

Charlene Harrison, a member of the subcommittee to study other forms of credit acquisition, said students would not want to pay tuition to sit in a class discussing material they already understand.

But doing portfolios may not be a viable option for all students.

John Phillips, associate professor of chemical engineering, said that for the College of Engineering, adult students should be advised to take a higher-level course rather than having the option of a portfolio evaluation.

Portfolio credit is also awarded at a state universities such as Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Big Ten schools in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, such as the Ohio State. also allows enrolled students to gain credit by compiling a portfolio.



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flights out of Cuba came at about Miami was call his mother to let technicality for John Peterson to 3:45, and their flight wasn't scheduled to leave until 4:15. The flight left anyway, and upon its arrival in Miami, the wrestlers were met by a member of the airline's staff.

"Someone came up to us and said, 'You guys are the last plane going to or coming from Cuba for a long time,' " McCoy said.

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Karen Bower, a panelist who is also a member of several disability organizations, as well ac LGBSA, said multiculturalism means an end to all "isms," including racism, sexism, ageism and ableism.

The panel also discussed the importance of appreciating one's own culture in addition to appreciating the cultures of others.

Matusick said people usually have no problem appreciating their own culture.

"It's pretty much inherent that I'm going to appreciate my own culture." he said.

Nixon added that multiculturalism takes a particular mindset of openness and a willingness to learn.

Stephen Wei, president of the Asian-American Student Coalition, said it is easy to learn about white culture in schools, because that is the history that is primarily taught.

Lapp stressed the importance of reading about the aspects of white culture that are not commonly learned in school, and not only focusing on the good things that are taught.

"I think we hear a lot of things about white culture that are wrong," he said.

Robyn Thorpe, a panelist and member of the student advisory board for the multicultural resource center, said it is not only in which whites can join in and

minority culture, but it is also important for minorities to learn about other minority cultures.

know how people would react. We

just wanted to make sure that

everyone knew we were home

other wrestlers did the same.

safe.'

Some members of the panel said they believe multiculturalism has been met with hostility because people fear changes in the status quo and because some white males fear a loss of power.

"A lot of white people are feeling threatened because their white privilege — they might not even realize they have it - is threatened," said Thorpe.

Wei added that much of the white backlash is the result of a fear to change, but said that everyone can benefit from multiculturalism

"Maybe white people will be knocked down a rung, but we will all go up two rungs," he said.

But some panelists disagreed. Matusick said many people are not afraid, but are simply unwilling to change the way they think.

"I may not agree with lesbian and gay issues, but that doesn't mean I'm afraid of them," he said. According to another panelist, Jane Fueyo, a member of the Lion Ambassadors and Amnesty International, multiculturalism does not necessarily mean agreeing with evervone else. Instead, it means coexistence that is not strife-producing

Finally, the panel discussed ways important for whites to learn about work toward a diverse society.

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Shuster

her know that he was safe, while overcome.'

Shuster also said he is disap-"We were careful not to joke pointed the case did not go to court. around, saying we were still in "So while I was really hoping to Cuba," McCoy said. "We didn't have a formal opinion by the court,

I think I got something just as good," he said, "which is an affirmation by John Peterson himself by withdrawing his challenge that I have met all requirements to be on the ballot."

Shuster said he does not think the allegations will bring the rest of the campaign down because he will continue to run on the issues. Robert O'Connor, associate pro-

fessor of political science, said that

the allegations should not leave a which party they have registered stain on either candidate's campaign, and because the charges did not go to court, the public cannot assume either side was lying.

'You can't assume Shuster is guilty, but you also cannot assume bad faith on Peterson's part either," O'Connor said.

But not all of the Republican candidates are concerned with the validity of their opponents' petitions.

Morris Massel, campaign manager for Conway, said that little things always happen when working with a large number of signatures.

For example, people forget

with, he said.

"We saw a couple of errors in our opponents' petitions the same way we saw errors in our own." he said. But Massel added that Conway is

too busy concentrating on his campaign to scrutinize his opponents. We're not getting bogged down in this petition controversy," Massel said.

Gordeuk also said he is too busy concentrating on his own campaign to be concerned with the details of others.

"I did not scrutinize the petitions myself," he said. "If Mr. Peterson wants to make it an issue then he can make it an issue."

Three men testify against officer in sex scandal

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ring of teen-age boys.

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in connection with a prostitution

least three boys ranging in age

from 15 to 17 who performed sex

acts in return for cash, alcohol or

drugs. Police were still trying to

determine how many people were

each other somehow, and we're try-

ing to determine just what their

connection is and how widespread

this is," state police spokesman

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Trooper John Ochs said.

"We feel these adult males knew

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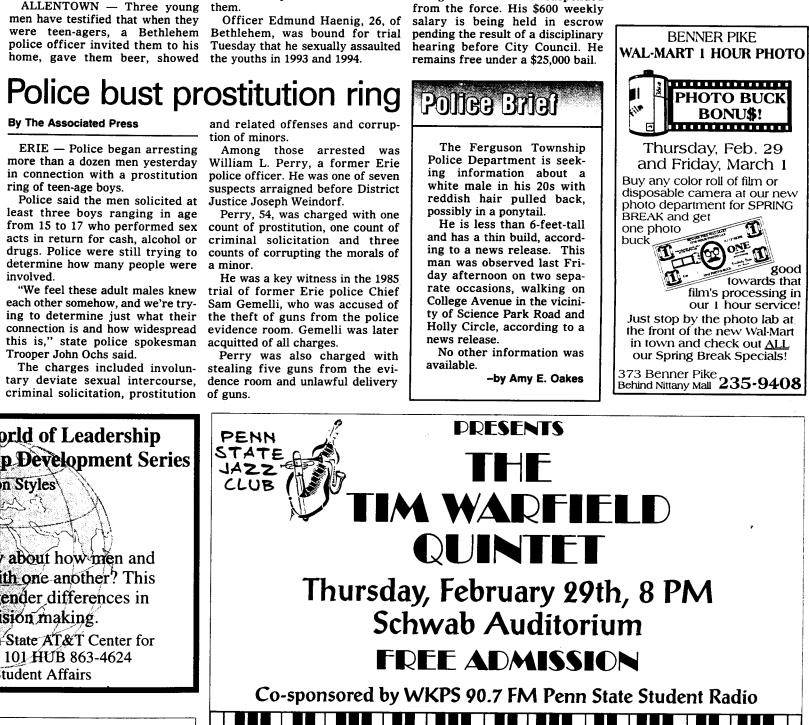
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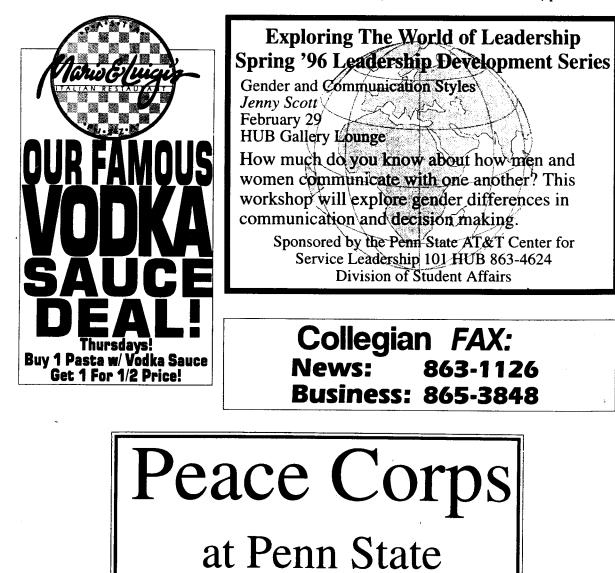




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