

# News

## 610 volunteers needed

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Volunteers are needed at the Erie area United Way. Individuals interested in volunteer work can contact United Way's Volunteer Services Division. Positions are matched with a volunteer's interests and skills.

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**-Nancy Lydic-Rogers  
Director of Volunteer Services**

There are 610 positions available, pertaining to each of the job titles of animals/environment; arts and crafts; communications; education; health and social services; management; office work; personal services; recreation and sports; and repair

and construction. Hours are dependent upon the volunteer.

According to the United Way, some reasons for students to become involved in volunteer work include feeling good about themselves; increasing the understanding of civic responsibility; increasing problem-solving skills; improving cooperation and teamwork skills; and enhancing awareness of diversity and developing mutual respect.

Just a few examples on what someone can do as a United Way volunteer include walking a dog, visiting a shut-in, and even making greeting cards.

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Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer for the United Way can either call the division at 456-2937, or stop by the United Way building, located at 110 West 10th Street in Erie.

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McKeeseport, received \$500. Division of undergraduate studies student, Leah Daw of Coraopolis, received \$500. Keith McFall, a junior communication major from Oil City, was granted a \$170 award.

Students will conduct their research during the spring semester and possibly during the summer. Grant money can be used to fund wages, travel, supplies, materials, library fees, and other expenses incurred during research.

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Because lectures about drugs and alcohol tend to turn students off, Baumann began his speech by stating that, "This is not a morality thing. Drugs affect everyone, whether you're an athlete or not...You sometimes have to be like a hero in college to be popular. And that means going against what you want to do to fit in."

Baumann told students that they have to learn to deal with their problems; problems that everyone faces.

He went on to say that the people you are friends with affect your habits and lifestyle.

After stating that, "Nobody's immune (to drugs and alcohol). It's a psychological and physical

dependency," Baumann dove into a narrative about two of his college friends who were involved with drugs. One of his friends died after falling out of a three-story window, and the other was sentenced to jail for dealing cocaine.

Baumann ended his story by stating that, "I'm not saying that everyone's going to be an addict, but this is where it can lead. People depend on you."

He advised students to set high goals for themselves.

Even if you don't reach those goals, you will have worked to your fullest potential.

When asked how he handles being 'on-the-road' all the time, he replied that, "Stress is a part of the job...You have to believe in yourself."

Baumann also said that it's not a good idea to get involved with drugs because employers want workers who are competent, and "You can't be competent if you're on drugs."

Baumann's presentation was Colleen O'Hara's (grad assistant at the HWC) second major event. "We appreciate all those who came. We hope for a bigger turn-out next time."

Joel Adams, an eighth semester MIS major, said, "He (Baumann) seemed really down-to-earth...a real person."

Baumann plans to continue playing football, and eventually obtain a master's degree in business administration.

## Lambda Pi Eta meeting

by Mary Zaczekiewicz  
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Lambda Pi Eta, the nationally recognized communication honor society, will be sponsoring a Career Night at 7:30 p.m. on February 18 in the Memorial Room of the Glenhill Farmhouse. All students are encouraged to attend, especially communication majors and minors. Career Night is an opportunity to meet people working in the field of communication that are Penn State alumni as well as those who work in related careers.

Lambda Pi Eta is searching for new members as well. Career Night will give those students interested in Lambda Pi Eta the opportunity to meet and talk with current members of Lambda Pi Eta. If you have 1) earned 45 credits, 2) earned 9 credits in communication courses, 3) have attained a 3.25 GPA or higher in these courses and 4) have a minimum 3.0 GPA, you are eligible for membership into Lambda Pi Eta.

Lambda Pi Eta hopes to see all students interested in some aspect of the communication field as well as all students interested in Lambda Pi Eta at Career Night.

## At A Glance...

The leader of Italy's new anti-Mafia party claims that the Mafia is now trading heroin for weapons-grade uranium and weapons in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

ABC and Turner Broadcasting may team up to receive the U.S. television right to the 1996 Olympics. This could lead to coverage on four channels simultaneously (ESPN, ABC, TNT, and TBS).

Dr. Death, a Michigan doctor who has assisted in 13 suicides since 1990, may soon be out of business. Michigan lawmakers approved a ban on doctor-assisted suicide. Dr. Jack Kevorkian has until March 31 to continue his practice.

A Chinese drug similar to Ru-486, a "morning-after" pill used for early abortion, is seeking entry into the U.S. Ru-486's manufacturer refuses to market it in the U.S.

Hotel queen Leona Helmsley lost a bid for a new trial. The judge contended that it didn't even warrant a hearing. There will be no appeal.

An 11-year-old boy charged with stealing an ambulance and going on a 90-minute joyride, "is a really bad kid." The fire chief of Cathedral City, California, said he also had an extensive record of pushing old ladies from golf carts, etc.

Potential jurors in the Rodney King case say that "they'll be fair." Several of the jurors admitted that they were surprised at the verdict of innocent in the original trial of the four white police officers accused of beating King.

Clinton's new tax plan urging everyone to "contribute" more to save the economy and make it recover may add two cents at the gas pump. The more you drive, the more you pay.

Gas prices may go up from the combination of an OPEC agreement and a Clean Air Act.

Vasectomies may increase the risk for prostate cancer, says a recent study.

A British study revealed that smokers are three times more likely to die before the age of 70 than non-smokers. The longitudinal study took 40 years and involved English participants.

In Roylton, Minnesota, a four year old boy survived a two-and-a-half hour trauma in frigid waters after his dog mauled him. He entered the hospital with a body temperature of 75 degrees. When his father found him, he had no pulse and wasn't breathing. The temperature outside was about eight degrees.

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