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Tara Morgan-Modeski, our campus nurse, turned herself in to authorities on Friday, January 16, in connection with a string of daytime burglaries in the Clarks Summit and Dunmore areas. She is being charged with breaking into and burglarizing homes in these two towns. Police say that the perpetrator walked into houses and then年报, the resident, would claim to have entered into the wrong address. As reported by WBRE news, “According to arrest papers, a resident in Dunmore confronted the woman after he heard his back door open. Police said the defendant told the homeowner she was looking for a doctor's office, then left.” According to police, the person responsible took mostly jewelry and cash.

Captain Bill Springer of the Dunmore Police Department explained that “last week we [police] got a major break in the case, Clarks Summit had received information that a person had just been at their house and the homeowner had obtained a license plate off the vehicle.” This license plate matched Tara Morgan-Modeski's black Jeep that she owns. Morgan-Modeski's lawyer, attorney William Pe-...
Meet the Administrator

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Lynne Fazio is a fierce determined woman who knows how to successfully multitask and get her job done meticulously. As our campus Administrative Support Assistant 2, she helps the faculty tremendously with getting their copies done, sending faxes and typing along with scanning things into Angel. Lynne Fazio is one of those lucky few who find their passion early on in life. Before beginning at Penn State eighteen years ago, she found her first real job at Scranton Counseling Center in 1998 where she was a receptionist. Her next role became the Development Department. While working at Scranton Counseling Center, she learned to improve her typing and word processing skills. “It was sad working there, but it was a good learning experience though,” says Lynne Fazio about working at Scranton Counseling Center.

When Lynne Fazio realized she wanted a new job, she looked to the newspaper and found her career match when she saw Penn State was hiring. Carol Bresnock was Lynne Fazio’s first supervisor and soon became her mentor. “She (Carol Bresnock) taught me a great deal working for her, but unfortunately, she passed away a few years ago. She is looking down on me and still watching over me while I do my work,” says Lynne Fazio of her former mentor. The biggest time for Fazio where the work overflows is the start of the fall semester when everyone begins to get work ready for students. Luckily for Fazio, Penn State grants her one work-study student in the Word Processing Center to help her with the crazy workload. In the last four years, she received a new copier in which she can send work from her computer to her copier. She wishes however that one day, someone designs a copier that one can insert his or her flash drive and have his or her copies produced that way. With every new copier she receives, they are always changing and helping to make the copiers better for the faculty. She doesn’t believe in leaving things undone–“it is not an option, I try to do the best job possible.” Lynne Fazio is a person that the faculty depends heavily on and it is because of her that she aids in their success. Right now, she is actually working on a website for word processing to give people an insight on what she does for our campus.

Not only is Lynne Fazio a strong worker in her field, she takes pride in her family and their times together. With her husband of twenty-three years and their four children, they love to attend concerts. Some of the best concerts Lynne Fazio recalls seeing were the Rolling Stones, Neil Young, and Jack Johnson. Besides religiously attending concerts during the summer, she loves to spend time with her three huge dogs and enjoys reading. Additionally, she loves Penn State football and is Johnny Depp fanatic. One of her memorable experiences was attending the Blue and White game. For Fazio, she firmly believes in trying to be the nicest person possible and accommodate others.

Fortunately for Fazio, she found out what she wanted to do early on in life and went for it. She likes to tell students to “find out what you want to do and work for it and be sure you love what you do.” Another advice she likes to share with students is “not to be afraid to ask questions since the faculty here and everyone around here will be more than happy to help answer them. Everyone here is nice and helpful.” Since she started here eighteen years ago, she couldn’t help but to admit that she “loves working here and is not going anywhere … Unless I win the lottery, then that’s a different story.”
Mark Sanchez, but in the end, with the high powered Trojans strongly intending to keep pace, the contest. The Lions started out nated into one highly anticipated matchup with the USC Trojans, had finally culminated into excitement and optimism by Lions fans, having finally culminated into one highly anticipated contest. The Lions started out strong, intending to keep pace with the high powered Trojans offense lead by Quarterback Mark Sanchez, but in the end, lost the battle. Unable to dis-cover any type of rhythm on either side of the football, the Lions committed nine penalties for seventy-two yards, meanwhile sputtering through the game’s duration. The dreamlike atmosphere of the Rose Bowl soon turned into a nightmare for Penn State, as it ended up on the wrong side of a 38-24 final score.

Despite the heartbreak of another season without a substantial bowl victory, there were still some highlights to be found for Lions fans. First and foremost, the play of quarterback Darryl Clark, who played with the loss of running back, Evan Royster, due to a knee injury, capped off a first quarter drive with a nine yard rush into the end zone. During the second half, Clark capped off a nine play, four minute drive with a two yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Derrick Williams, bringing the deficit to seventeen (31-14). In the ensuing drive, USC moved swiftly down the field in only three plays, extending over one and a half minutes. Quarterback Mark Sanchez completed a forty-five yard pass to wide receiver Ronald Johnson, to extend the USC lead back to twenty-four (38-14). During the final period of regulation, the Lions had two successful drives, one resulting in a twenty-five yard field goal and also a nine yard pass from Darryl Clark to wide receiver Jordan Norwood. Although the Lions managed to stop the Trojans potent offense on their last two remaining drives in regulation, their lead 38-24 was insurmountable. Time had run out in the game as well as in the Lions’ season. A game, which was regarded with so much hope and promise for the Lions, ended with a series of questions and what-ifs by fans and critics.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

JEFF MALLAS

For some, the words “success with honor” is just that – words. But to countless students and coaches, the statement describes a robust set of values. One needs to first exhaust the ideals of pride; commitment and sportsmanship to not only succeed in an athletic event but in life as well. Athletic Director at Penn State Scranton, Jeff Mallas, puts these ideals to work every day as he oversees both athletics on campus and also the academic progress of student athletes. Mallas, who has held the position since fall 2000, is a follower of the W.I.N. (What’s Important Now) philosophy developed by former Notre Dame Football coach Lou Holtz. The philosophy places a strong emphasis upon time management and organization. Included are some “rules to live by.” For example, “Do your best no matter how trivial the task, tell the truth, and look out for the group over oneself.” Mallas mentioned that in his job, he frequently draws upon his experiences as both the Men’s Soccer Coach (1978-99) and a Men’s Baseball Coach (1981-2005) at Penn State Scranton. He mentioned that previous experience makes it easier to understand coaches and student athletes. It also makes it possible to put their interests first.

HEAD CROSS COUNTRY COACH – GARY EDSTROM

“An absolute success” is how Head Coach Gary Edstrom described the past Cross Country season at Penn State Worthington Scranton. The semester will be remembered not only for successes of runners like Frank Spear or Samantha Sneed, but for an unprecedented achievement. Both the Men and Women, earning invitations to a national meet in Southern Virginia. Never before in the program’s history at PSU Scranton have both teams attended the meet in the same year. Edstrom, who completed his third season at the helm, also maintains a busy schedule as an Academic Advisor in D.U.S. (Department of Undergraduate Studies). When asked to elaborate on past semester success, Mr. Edstrom attributed it to the hard work and commitment his players bring to the sport every season. “There is no off-season,” he says. Like any other sport, the level of achievement one expects to attain is linked to the amount of practice and preparation they put in. Edstrom, who trained competitively as a runner during high school and college, mentioned that although the majority of his knowledge (of running) was obtained at the secondary school level, he continually adds new tech-niques, exercises and methods to better benefit his athletes.

On January 1, the Big 10 Conference Champion Penn State Nittany Lions made a 2,500 mile journey to Pasadena, CA. for a matchup with the USC Trojans in the ninety-fifth annual Rose Bowl game. The Lions secured an invitation to the prestigious Rose Bowl game with a record of 11-1 (7-1), which was the result of an explosive offense and stingy defensive play. A season marked by seventy-four points a game and a defense ranked number one in the country, the Rose Bowl soon turned into a nightmare for Penn State, as it ended up on the wrong side of a 38-24 final score.

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Business

Unemployment Levels

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Thinking outside the box ignites innovation

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The recent economic downturn has had a very negative effect on employment in this country. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of unemployed persons has grown by 3.6 million and the rate of unemployment went up by 2.3 percentage points. How does this affect college graduates? According to the New York Times, last month alone, the number of college graduates who are not employed rose by 282,000. Between March and November 2007, the number of unemployed persons in the United States has risen to 11.1 million, a rate of 7.2%. Since the economic troubles began, the number of unemployed persons has grown by 3.6 million and the rate of unemployment went up by 2.3 percentage points. The numbers are not all negative though. Janette Marx, senior vice president of Ajilon Global, professional staffing firm, said “The numbers say, despite these conditions, we still have a strong job market within the professional skills category, nearly 97% of college-educated workers are employed.” Baker has made it clear that this is not necessarily a time for panic for college graduates. “In a way, there's been a little bit of a lead time,” she explained. “Students understand this is not going to be a market where they will have three or four offers.”

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I have two coins in my pocket and they total thirty cents. One is not a nickel. The first time I heard this riddle, I was very interested in the answer since it did not make mathematical sense to me at all. When I heard the answer was a quarter and a nickel, I realized I was not looking outside the box. Only one coin could not be a nickel, but nothing was said about the other coin. This is a lesson that can be taken into business. Think outside the box. Riddles challenge people to think differently while employment makes people think differently. Unemployment is high. Graduates need every advantage that they can get to differentiate themselves from their competition. We, as students at Penn State, are trying to compete and gain an edge over other employees by putting Penn State on our resume. One of the largest items that is not usually put on a resume but needed for job success, is the ability to think outside the box. Creativity and ingenuity are almost as important as a high GPA.

Stepping outside the box may also mean stepping outside your comfort zone. This is the perfect time to be practicing this technique. We are all in college and when we make a mistake, we are not fired. We get more chances and if we try hard enough, with the right professors, it is impossible to fail. The job of professors is to challenge us and prepare us for the life beyond higher education. They want us to succeed. Once we step into the work world, not everyone feels this way. People are out to take our position and seize what may be ours. We need the right training and education to thwart these efforts. Challenging yourself to try new things will at worst, be a mistake. Again, we will not get fired for it. But if that “new thing” was speaking into a microphone in front of fifty people, wouldn’t you be glad to know that you are comfortable now because you accepted the challenge back in college? Step outside your comfort zone and realize that while doing so, you will create one more item that is not on your resume, but will be the one thing that sets you apart from the other candidates.

Robert W. Service

“Sleep to wake again.”

And that at Even I might say:

O that all Life were but a Day

Knowing that I will live again, Exultantly I die.

And ripe for rest am I, and keep it sane and sweet.

With eager eyes I greet the morn,

Exultant as a boy,

With eager eyes I greet the morn,

And when the pleasant evening clock

Knowing that I am newly born,

And when the pleasant evening clock

To wonder and to joy.

Exultant as a boy,

Knowing that I will live again, Exultantly I die.

And when the sunset splendours wane

Knowing that I am newly born,

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"Procrastination isn’t the problem, it’s the solution. So procrastinate now, don’t put it off."

- Ellen DeGeneres

"Each Day a Life"
By: Robert Service

I count each day a little life,
With birth and death complete;
I cloister it from care and strife
And keep it sane and sweet.

With eager eyes I greet the morn,
Exultant as a boy,
Knowing that I am newly born
To wonder and to joy.

And when the sunset splendours wane
And ripe for rest am I,
Knowing that I will live again,
Exultantly I die.

O that all Life were but a Day
Sunny and sweet and sane!
And that at Even I might say:
"I sleep to wake again."

- Robert W. Service

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

- Thoreau

"Those who cannot learn from history, are doomed to repeat it."

- George Santayana

"Gravitation is not responsible for people"

For those interested in submitting their poems, quotes, or anything that would better serve our Literature Section, please contact Shawn McDonough at Ssm5037@psu.edu. Thank you!

"Edication’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

- Malcolm Forbes

"So, this is my life. And I want you to know that I am both happy and sad and I’m still trying to figure out how that could be."

- The Perks of Being a Wallflower

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- George Santayana
Bernard Fagnani becomes January’s Professor of the Month

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Shawn McDonough: What characteristics of teaching have you taken from your own professors?
Bernard Fagnani: I changed my major twice. I switched from Engineering to Math. Finally, upon the insistence of my father, I became a Finance Major. My first accounting professor, Alex Pawlenok, was a very detailed person and I take that mind-set into my classroom. The subjects that I instruct are Finance, Accounting, Taxation, and Investments require a very detailed level of review. There is so much information. You need to get to the details. Mr. Pawlenok’s methods are carried into each class.

SM: Who was the biggest influence in your life?
BF: There is no one person, but all of my family especially my parents, aunts, and uncles played a significant role in my life.

SM: If you could change anything in your life, what would it be and why?
BF: I would have minored in Political Science and sought a role in Politics. I was a student government officer in college. Today, there is a desperate need for a watchdog in our government, particularly at the Federal Level. We spend too much money and it appears that there is a lack of accountability. With my experience and skills as CPA, I would attempt to put a handle on their excessive spending and have all expenditures justified.

SM: Why did you choose to become a professor?
BF: I always wanted to teach college, even when I was in high school. ------Attorney Dante Cancelli was very instrumental in getting me to Penn State Worthington in 1989. The campus had a need for an Accounting Instructor. One day, while casually talking to him about me recently being offered a tenure track position at College Misericordia, he asked if I would consider instructing at Penn State Worthington Scranton. As a result of his suggestion, I ended up here.

SM: What is the best advice you could give a college student?
BF: Be dedicated to schoolwork, but don’t make it your entire life. Strike a balance between schoolwork and outside interests. College is a life changing experience and you should be able to take away positive memories from your college experience. Some of my dearest life long friends today, Stew Feeney, Ed Zaborney, Al Regner to name a few, I met while in college.

SM: What is your most memorable experience as a professor?
BF: There isn’t any one experience. However, I get immense satisfaction when a former student comes up to me to say, “Thanks for being the kind of instructor that you are. Thanks for making me work hard.” I stay in touch with former students and they stay in touch with me as well.

SM: What was the biggest challenge you’ve faced in life?
BF: Life is a challenge. The biggest challenge I think that I ever faced was when my son was almost four years old. He became gravely ill. My wife and I were very much unsure as to the outcome of his illness. He had three surgeries while at the Janet Weiss Children’s Hospital in Danville, The surgeries were a success; he fully recovered and I am happy to say that he is now almost eleven years old. If you looked at him today, you would never know that he was ever ill.
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**The Lowdown on Flu Shots:**

**Facts & Information**

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Flu shots prevent certain viruses, but not all signs and symptoms of the flu. There are three streams of viruses that are grown in eggs, which one gets protected against. The viruses that are injected in you are inactive. However, if a different stream of a virus that isn’t covered by those three streams infects you, then you are susceptible to the flu.

The people who should receive the flu shots are: children six months and up, pregnant women, fifty years and older, people of any age with chronic medical conditions, people in nursing homes, and health care workers. However, some people should not receive flu shots. People who are allergic to eggs should not receive a flu shot since the viruses that are injected into you are grown in eggs. Other people who should avoid the flu shots are: people with a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a disease in which the body damages its own nerve cells causing muscle weakness. It is a progressive illness where victims can recover but it can cause permanent damages. Additionally, those who are already sick might receive a flu shot since it’ll make the illness worse and weaken the immune system.

Many places offer flu shots such as CVS, Walgreen’s, along with your medical doctor. The costs range from about twenty-five dollars and the vaccine is effective for a year. Some side effects consist of mild weakness, soreness at the site of injection, aches, or not feeling well. However, these side effects are not common.

To prevent illnesses this winter season, you can do many simple things. Most important, wash your hands for fifteen seconds especially women who wear jewelry and fake nails since bacteria larks in both. Get enough sleep to help your immune system to stay strong. Eat a well-balanced diet and stay away from sick people to avoid catching their illnesses.

After speaking with a few students on campus about this issue, it seems to be that many individuals do get the flu shot. It may improve your attendance in school, thus helping your grades. Make sure to get your flu shot to stay healthy throughout the school year.

**Psychological Counseling Services:**

Help is here for you.

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College can cause any student a great deal of stress. Add in your personal life, relationships, friends, jobs, etc., and one can feel overwhelmed and need a person to talk to in order to gain guidance and help. Here at Penn State Worthington- Scranton, we offer psychological counseling, free of charge, to students. One might wonder how to go about receiving this great service. The answer is simple. Students may email Bill Bryan, Director of Student & Enrollment Services, at Wvb3@psu.edu, stop by his office in SLC 21, or reply to weekly emails that give the times for the counseling. The counselors help the students by allowing them to talk about their problems, which may range from academic, relationship issues, family problems, depression, or anxiety about life in general. The counselors can refer them to doctors at the Scranton Counseling Center if further evaluation is needed. Most medical insurances cover this, but if not, they offer a reduced rate for students. The Psychiatrists will prescribe medicine if needed.

Those people who feel like they are a different person, have no energy, difficulties concentrating, change in appetite, lack of sleep or oversleeping, anxiety, and thought of suicide or bodily harm to yourself or others should seek counseling to help sort through the issues. These counselors are professional counselors from the Scranton Counseling Center and they come every other week. There is a male counselor that comes in the daytime and a female counselor that comes at night. It will always be those two counselors so one could feel comfortable with the same person. The counselors are both qualified for the position and have a PhD or Master in counseling.

In the event that there is an emergency where a student needs to see a counselor and they are not on campus, they will be referred to a counselor at Scranton Counseling Center since they are open twenty-four hours. Many anonymous students definitely think that offering counseling to students has helped those in need. There has been lots of positive feedback from students about the services as well. The only down side is that students report that there isn’t enough time allotted for each session since the sessions are only thirty minutes as opposed to an hour. Overall, students should take advantage of this great service. No problem is too small to ever ask for help. For those interested in making an appointment, feel free to contact Bill Bryan. Additionally, one could always call the Scranton Counseling Center at 348-6100 or visit them at 326 Adams Avenue in Scranton.

**Vegetarian recipe**

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“California grilled veggie sandwich”

**Ingredients:**

- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/8 cup olive oil
- 1 cup sliced red bell peppers
- 1 small zucchini, sliced
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 1 small yellow squash, sliced
- 2 (4-x-inch) focaccia bread pieces, split horizontally
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese

**Directions:** In a bowl, mix the mayonnaise, minced garlic, and lemon juice. Set aside in the refrigerator.

1. Preheat the grill for high heat.
2. Brush vegetables with olive oil on each side. Brush grate with oil. Place bell peppers and zucchini closest to the middle of the grill, and set onion and squash pieces around them. Cook for about 3 minutes, turn, and cook for another 3 minutes. The peppers may take a bit longer. Remove from grill, and set aside.
3. Spread some of the mayonnaise mixture on the cut sides of the bread, and sprinkle each one with feta cheese. Place on the grill cheese side up, and cover with lid for 2 to 3 minutes. This will warm the bread, and slightly melt the cheese. Watch carefully so the bottoms don't burn. Remove from grill, and layer with the vegetables. Enjoy as open faced grilled sandwiches.

Third Party Awareness
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How many students here at Penn State are aware of the third parties that are available for them to choose when it’s time to vote? How many of you are tired of hearing about Democrats and Republicans? I have listed some of the most popular third party choices here in the United States. I have gone to the websites of these parties to see what they were all about and to give you a better incite on political thinking.

Now the most popular party that many of you may know about is the “Green Party” or its proper name, Green Party of the United States. The Green Party focuses on environmentalism, non-hierarchical participatory democracy (no corporate sponsors for politicians), social justice, respect for diversity, peace and nonviolence. They have over 300,000 members and can cast ballots in over half the states. To find out more, visit: http://www.greenpartyusa.org/

The next one is the Libertarian Party. This party was founded in the very beginnings of the 1970’s, and has a following of several hundred thousand members. They stand firm on the heritage of Americans and promote the unique individuals that America consists of today. They want to reach to everyone as individuals. Leave the government to protection from force and fraud, and give rights back to the people. To catch up, visit: http://www.lp.org

The third one I have listed for you is the Constitution Party. Now, can you figure out what this group is all about? Yes, you’ve guessed it, the Constitution, among the other original documents that tell us how the government should be controlled. That’s really it. Don’t believe me, look at it for yourself at http://www.constitutionparty.com/

Lastly is the Socialist Party. This party holds very dear the values of life and liberty for the working class. They hold views that are non-racist, classless, and create work that is for the better of mankind rather than for oneself. The workers are in control. They are anti-capitalism, believing that everything should be disbursed equally for everyone to enjoy and everyone can better themselves without barriers. For more, visit: http://socialistparty-usa.org/

These are just some of the many parties any American can be a part of for a better way of life in the view of political action. Of course, it is your freedom to choose which one applies to your views and values. I am in favor for the Socialist Party USA. Which one applies to you? There is plenty of time to register yourself to any party you want, and just to let you know, you can change your registration at anytime from one party to another, it’s your privilege.

Tattoo Shop
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Tattoos are some of the extreme forms of self expression these days. For our generation, the people that lack ink of some kind are few and far in-between. Take a look around and you’ll see at least two girls with a “stamp” of some kind. Also, you’ll see guys with some kind of arm or leg tattoo. Basically, what it all comes down to is that today’s tattoos are more common as you all have seen and heard. Now what do we know of them other than the basics? I’ll tell you a few things.

For starters, tattoos have been around for thousands of years. Since the days of prehistory, when man was just starting to make footprints, tattoos existed as a mark of the tribe or clan one would belong in. They represented all kinds of things, clarifying status to others and who they were. They were simple shapes, not the beautiful illustrations we see today. They may have been figures of animals, sun, stars, religion among many other things. Tattoos, during that time period, were administered in very crude ways; constant jabbing and stabbing by usually wooded sticks manually, about the size of a toothpick would be a good reference.

Now for thousands of years, the practice of tattoos hadn’t really changed much. Over the course of millennia, the styles evolved with each culture and thus, the style of art created varied as well. Some cultures had methods of tapping creations of ink pigments into the skin also scarring the tattoo. Some had methods of using one or two thin rods to jam into the skin. The first tattoo machine or tattoo gun as we know it was invented in the late 1800’s - early 1900’s. The mechanism hasn’t changed at all. In fact, it has completely revolutionized the way tattoos are administered, how they look, and the pain you feel.

Yes, tattoos still hurt, but the process of how to treat and take care of tattoos has come a long way as well as the different ways to relieve the pain in ways that people couldn’t do twenty or thirty years ago. There are all kinds of techniques and practices that have become available for any new or continuing tattoo recipient.

As time went on, tattoos came to represent all kinds of things and became markers for criminals or captives. In fact, up until about eight to ten years ago, tattooing in over half of the states was illegal. I do not know what the punishments were, but just think of it—tattooing was illegal. It seems unreal since there are people along with old photos of people with tattoos. Luckily for people, tattooing is legal. The techniques haven’t changed much, still punching pigments under the skin; however, the instruments have come very far. The gun we’ve seen on television in the United States has become the most popular method to administer a tattoo.

This could be why tattoos are so popular or it could be because everyone wants to have some form of remembrance of some point in their life. Whatever the reason may be, I want to see it to see the art.
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Some of you will remember that last year’s job fair was met with great enthusiasm. It was billed as the best fair ever! Now, let’s get ready for the next course of events! This year, our job fair is scheduled for April 1. As we did last year, we are looking to have great employers offering internships and full employment, as well as prepared students with great cover letters, resumes and business attire. This is your time to shine. You have to present yourself so marvelously that our employers will want to hire you even if they do not have an open position. Remember, you only have one chance to make a first impression! It is really up to you.

In addition to our job fair, we are partnering with Kevin M. Haggerty, Director of Governmental and Community Affairs for Lackawanna County. Together, we are looking to present an Internship Fair in mid-February. Mr. Haggerty is a strong supporter of our Penn State Smart Program and is promoting its advantages to the employers he comes in contact with as part of his work in the community.

During a Penn State sponsored conference, (Living the Vision of a Student-Centered University), Dr. Mark Taylor, the keynote speaker at the conference, noted that “institutions of higher learning must make workplace readiness a central imperative and that everyone on campus must stress the importance of workplace readiness to our students.”

Penn State Worthington Scranton is taking Taylor’s criticism seriously and through your Career Services Office, we are working to help you transition into the workplace. The Penn State Smart, initiative was launched last fall. The program enlists the collaboration of faculty, staff and area employers to bring to you knowledge about soft skills and workplace competencies. Through Penn State Smart, Career Services is seeking to enhance your chances of success in the workplace. The Penn State Smart program was created to give you an edge during those nerve wracking moments when you face an interviewer. Our program is here to provide you with the tools you will need, and use during your lifetime. These are skills that go beyond getting a resume and cover letter ready to send to an employer; they are essential to your lifelong success.

Important in getting a job and keeping it are soft skills. What are Soft Skills? Soft skills are personal attributes that enhance an individual’s interactions, job performance and career prospects. Unlike technical skills, which tend to be specific to a certain type of task or activity, soft skills are broadly applicable. Soft skills are sometimes broken down into personal attributes, such as: optimism, responsibility, a sense of humor, integrity, time-management, motivation, empathy, leadership, communication, good manners, sociability, and the ability to teach.

Penn State Worthington Scranton is hosting workshops this Spring that will focus on these very skills: workplace competencies, career preparedness, communication, and emotional intelligence. The following workshops and we are looking forward to seeing you there:

- **January 29** 12:00 – 1:00 Workplace Competencies
- **February 19** 12:00 – 1:00 Cover Letter Magic
- **February 26** 12:00 – 1:00 Emotional Intelligence
- **March 18** 12:00 – 1:00 Economic Development

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In addition to the aforementioned workshops, our office can help you as you look for part-time employment as well as help you make decisions regarding your major and how it relates to your career path. Through our work style assessment, we are able explore careers you will enjoy and be good at. Enjoying your work is critical to becoming a successful person. You are not happy because you are successful; you are successful because you are happy. I look forward to your stopping by my office in room 20 of the Student Learning Center. Best of luck this semester!

The Staff’s Voice

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It’s often said that technical skills and education will get you an interview but you need soft skills to get (and keep) the job. That is why you need Penn State Smart! You may have already heard about this program and you may have already attended a couple of our workshops. Last semester, Penn State Smart offered workshops on topics such as: Generations at Work, Workplace Honesty, 9/11 Remembered, Cover Letter Magic, Conflict Management and more. This Spring, we will be offering the following workshops and we are looking forward to seeing you there:

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motivational corner

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Never Say Never. Oh, the eternal whining that I hear from students! This class is too hard! How can I do all this work? Do you know how hard it is to go to school AND work? More than often my response is, “Yeah, yeah, yeah, who said life is easy?” Now, keep in mind that I am not trying to be mean, but we all have to apply ourselves in everything we do. Sometimes we get into situations when we simply need to push the throttle all the way forward and keep pushing! Hey, that’s life! When things get tough, remember this: NO MATTER WHAT THE LEVEL OF YOUR CURRENT ABILITY IS, YOU HAVE MORE POTENTIAL THAN YOU CAN DEVELOP IN A LIFETIME! We all have the ability to work through all of our problems. But, remember this: POTENTIAL WITHOUT PERFORMANCE IS MEANINGLESS! Put the two sentences together and what you have is this: YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH, BUT YOU HAVE TO WORK HARD TO DO IT! You really do have powers that you never dreamed of, and you can do things that you never thought you can do! Remember learning how to read in the first grade? (See Spot run.) It was very difficult at the time, but now you are reading college level textbooks! WOW!!! Look what practice, perseverance and a stick-to-it attitude does! Now apply that ability to all other areas of your life! Become a student of success. Solve problems. And, do it with enthusiasm. There are no limitations to what you can do EXCEPT the limitations that you place in your own mind. Now, quit whining and go to class!!!!!