

Whildin Selected for Program

Sara Lou Whildin, head librarian here at the Delaware County Campus, is one of the twenty librarians from throughout the U.S. selected to participate in a new training program of the Office of Management Studies (OMS).

The program, conducted through the Association of Research Libraries of OMS, drew more than 250 applicants. Whildin is the sole representative from colleges and universities in Pennsylvania to be selected.

Following a two-week train-

ing workshop in Washington, D.C., the librarians will work as consultants with the Office of Management Studies staff in analyzing and developing library projects and procedures. These will include library management, collection analysis, planning for small academic libraries, and self-study procedures.

Each of the selected candidates has had at least five years experience in libraries and was selected by a national committee on the basis of a written application and in-

dividual interviews. They were chosen for their technical expertise, communication and problem solving skills, and their contributions to library improvement.

Whildin, who lives in Boothwyn, joined the Delaware County Campus staff in 1976. She is a graduate of Cedar Crest College and earned a master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh. She was a librarian at the Pattee Library in University Park prior to accepting her position here.



(Photo courtesy University Relations)

Sara Whildin, head librarian

15th Annual All-U Day

Students from 19 Commonwealth Campuses travelled to University Park for the 15th annual All-University Day November 3.

The day's activities featured the Penn State-Miami (Fla.) football game at Beaver Stadium, a Talking Heads concert sponsored by the University Concert Committee in Rec Hall, a Disco Dance sponsored by the Hetzel Union Board in the HUB Ballroom, and a ban-

ner contest at the football game.

Over 2,000 football tickets were allocated for sale to students at each of the campuses.

The traditional day was originated in 1964 "to provide a Penn State, not as (at that time) fourteen campuses." The first All-U Day was held in 1965.

Plans are coordinated by the Keystone Society and the Council of Branch Campus Student

Government Association (COBCSGA).

The theme for this year's banner contest was "Show how your campus is Penn State proud." The entries were judged by Norm Constantine, the Nit-tany Lion.

The banner from the Delaware County Campus, designed by Keystone Society members, won first place. The winning banner will be on display in the library here.

Library Construction

Why Is It Taking So Long?

Students, faculty, and staff members alike are becoming impatient with the slow rate of progress in construction of the new Library/Learning Center on campus.

There is no doubt that the new building is needed immediately. Facilities at the campus are cramped, to put it mildly.

When the new building is completed, the main building will be relieved of the library as well as several faculty offices. The University will relinquish its use of classrooms at the North Campus (The Delaware Valley Church of Christ across Route 352 from the campus) as classroom space on campus won't be as tight.

But, rumors have it that the project won't be completed un-

til June, 1980. However, according to Joseph Zinicola of the Pennsylvania Department of General Services (which oversees the project), work on the building is just about on schedule. Zinicola confirms that the estimated completion date is still March, 1980.

He notes that once the roof is installed, inclement weather will not be a problem for workers.

"Over 95 percent of the brickwork is done," Zinicola says. After the exterior walls are completed, the project will be practically finished.

Zinicola comments that there will be little partition work to be done inside. Dry wall (plaster board) will be used throughout most of the structure.

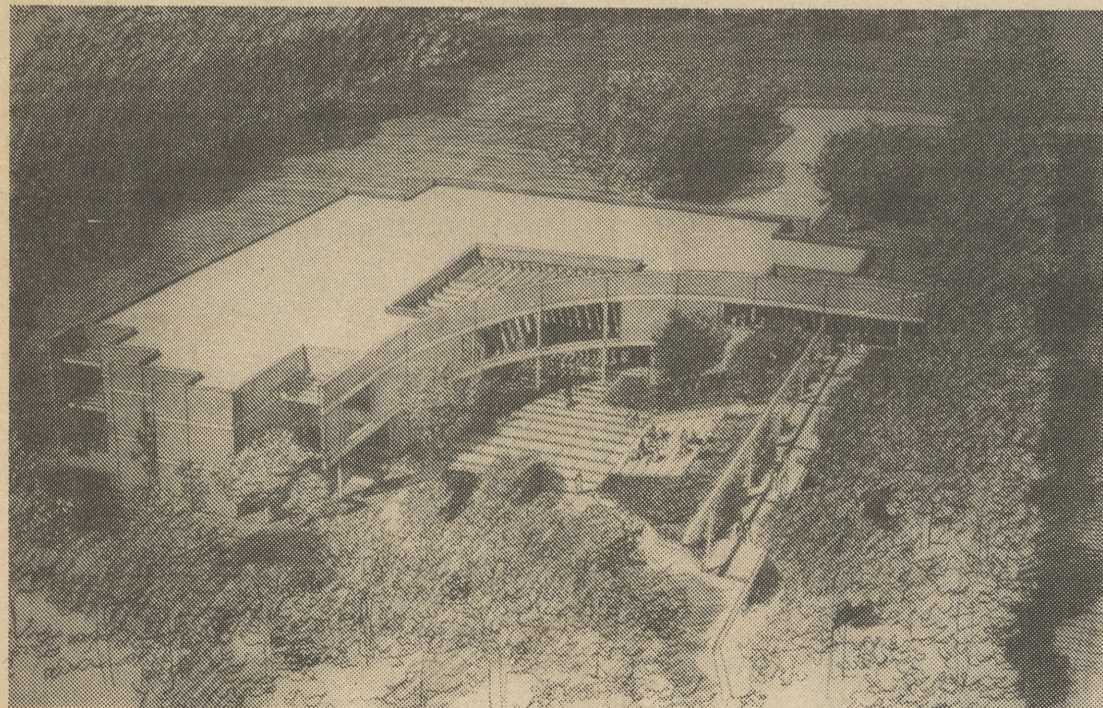
Several observers have noted

that construction of the 87,000 square-foot Clover Store adjacent to the Granite Run Mall was completed in September, yet it started last winter - after construction of the library began (in July, 1978). Construction of the Open Door Estates retirement village across Route 352 from the campus is also nearing completion.

According to Zinicola, buildings like the Clover Store are "easier to put up." He says that the store is a simple rectangle and lacks the "fancy architectural work" the library has.

He sights the pre-cast stone being installed on the trellis as an example of extra work stipulated by the architectural plans.

-Harry MacCartney



(Photo courtesy University Relations)

Architect's rendering of the new Library/Learning Center

FBI Says Pa. Is Safe

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) --For its population, Pennsylvania has less crime than any state in the Northeast and is among the safest places to live in the nation, according to figures released this month in the FBI's 1978 Crime Report.

The figures also showed that Pittston, Luzerne County, is the safest community in the state and that Fayette County is the most crime-ridden of rural Pennsylvania counties. Tioga had the lowest crime rate among rural counties.

Pennsylvania had the lowest number of crimes per 100,000 inhabitants in the Northeast in 1978, and stood 45th nationally in its ratio of crimes to population.

Specifically, there were 6.2 murders per 100,000 inhabitants, for a total of 725, in the Commonwealth in 1978, compared to an average of 6.9 for all nine Northeast states. In 1977 there were 5.6 homicides per 100,000 persons in Pennsylvania.

In addition, Pennsylvania had the lowest number of property crimes in the Northeast, despite the fact that the number of property crimes in the state grew while decreasing in the rest of the Northeast.

Robbery, murder, aggravated assault, theft and burglary in-

creased slightly and rape declined.

Thirty-five percent of the 201,300 crimes in the greater Philadelphia area were committed in the city itself. Of the 69,086 crimes in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area, half were committed in the city.

Following Pittsburgh in descending number of crimes were Harrisburg, Erie, Allentown, Chester, Reading, York, Bristol and Scranton.

Although the larger cities claimed the highest number of crimes, a general comparison of smaller cities and rural areas showed similar rates of crime. Rural areas exceeded towns in the number of murders, rapes and burglaries. Among the FBI findings were:

-High theft and burglary rates in Bristol, Upper Darby and Bensalem Township, all in suburban Philadelphia, and in Lancaster.

-A high number of rapes and aggravated assaults in Norristown, Montgomery County.

-Among suburban counties, Chester and Westmoreland had the highest number of known offenses, while Lackawanna had the second highest number of murders. Allegheny County had the highest number of rapes, with Chester second.

Correction

A photo caption in the October 25, 1979 issue of the Lion's Eye incorrectly identified a participant at Monte Carlo Night as Mrs. Linder. The Lion's Eye sincerely regrets this error.

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