# Lindsey Brings Energy, Enthusiasm to Retention Job

What's a former Juvenile Probation Officer doing at PSU Delco? For starters, she is bringing energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to the job of Campus Retention Counselor/Advisor. But in reality, Mrs. Beverly Lindsey is

In the four months she has been in her new position, Beverly has endeared herself to both students and staff, while competently running the many programs for which she is responsible. Recent successes include the Cram 'n' Jam at the end of the fall semester and the Martin Luther King Day program at the beginning of spring semester. Both were outstanding events serving the whole campus community.

But hard work and dedication are not new to Beverly. She needed both on her first professional job after graduating from West Chester University with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. Working as a Juvenile Probation Officer for Chester County, she was shocked and challenged by her first case. She discovered that her teenage client, who was in trouble for fighting, lived in a rural, 3-bedroom house with no water or electricity, along with two adults and 19 other children. The living conditions were appalling.

"It was an emotionally draining



Beverly Lindsey enjoys a light moment in her new job as Retention Counselor/Advisor.

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assignement," said Beverly. But of all my cases in my four years of probation work, resolving this one gave me the most satisfaction.

And the case that left her most upset? "The first time I had to recommend to the courts that a child be removed from his parents." Beverly is concerned that

temporary removal and then a return to the same home environment doesn't work in the long run.

"It's just a band-aid on the bigger problem. That's what's wrong with a lot of county agencies. They don't address the real problems in the family, so in a way they help perpetuate the dysfunction of the families they are supposed to be

"The real issue in the family is usually poverty, which results in inadequate housing, clothing, and food, which in turn creates deprivation and tension in the family that often results in abuse among family members and trouble with the law for the juveniles.

"Some families have been involved in juvenile problems for three and four generations. But the current inflexibility of the system is not going to break the cycle. Families need a much more holistic approach than they are currently getting.

Frustrated at being unable to do the job right, Beverly left probation work to return to West Chester University for her M.S. in Administration, concentrating in social work. While there she did counseling in the Women's Center and then served temporarily as the Minority Recruitment Director in the Admissions Office.

Her greatest accomplishment in her short time at PSU Delco? "I think it's the positive relationship I have with the students. They seem to respect me and what I have to say.'

And her most immediate goal in her work here? "I'd like to set up Peer Support Groups that assist students in realizing their potential and their power in their own lives. I firmly believe we need each other's support to make it.

## February

## Entertainment Roundup

DATE

1-2 (8 p.m.)

1-17 1-28

1-28 2-11

3 (2 p.m. & 8 p.m.) 4 (2 p.m.) 5 (1 p.m. & 8 p.m.

7 (until 31 March)

10 (2 p.m.) 11 (12:30 p.m. & 4 p.m.)

11 (2 p.m.

12 (8 p.m.) 13-14 14 (7 p.m.)

15 (3 March) 15-17 (8 p.m.) 16 (8 p.m.) 16 (8 p.m.)

18 (3 p.m.) 18 (7 p.m.) 19-25

16-19

20 (8 p.m.) 24 (9 a.m.)

**EVENT** 

"The Phantom of the Opera" "The Importance of Being Earnest' "Don Juan In Hell"

Black History Month Highlights from the Collection Stardust "The Phantom of the Opera"

"The Phantom of the Opera" "The Odyssey" 24th University of Delaware **Biennial Exhibition** 

Grand Chamber Players Valentine's Dinner Theater Zoppe Circus Europa Zoppe Circus Europa

Early American Dance Class For Families "Ariodante" Engineer's Day Eric Hawkins

Memoir Eric Hawkins "Ariodante" "La Gazza Ladra" 2nd Annual Presidential Jazz

Weekend Eric Hawkins Ebel U.S. Indoor Tennis

Championship 'La Gazza Ladra'' Philadelphia's Baseball History

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#### The Death of Poetru

If poetry were to die The horizon would disfigure The sun would stop dawning Eagles would stop soaring Birds would stop singing Trees would stop growing and I would stop living.

For poetry is expression And without expression Without communication Without emotion My life could be no more.

- Carmen Simmons

### Love Equals Patience

If to you I seem a little too quiet, It's because I'm trying desperately not to be misunderstood If I seem to you, just a little too shy, Its because so many times before, my views had been ignored If I seem to be too sheltered, Its because in trying so hard to protect myself, I've shut everyone out. It may seem to you that you give all and I take all, And to say that I'm trying isn't enough. But because I've been alone in my world so long, Trying is all that I can do. And I'm trying harder everyday. For there is something special I see

in you. Something that will bring us closer together and develop into what others can only dream about. A love that will enable me to be

-a little less quiet, -a little less shy,

-and a little less sheltered And as I share my world with you, I become more receptive to yours, And with a little hard work, patience and a lot of love

Our worlds will become one.

- Anonymous

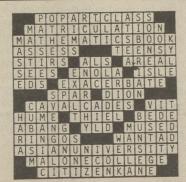
Kelly Trust Me Somewhere in that dark heart there is a sensitive core It's hard to tell, ignorant guards always block the truth from the dark heart inside of you, you Bright eyes; wake up

you're missing the beauty of love too busy fighting with vour senseless pride. are images that important? now tell me, please be honest, that is all I can ask of you. I ask NOTHING more of your cold, bitter heart how do you feel? please let me in.

Let me into your cold, cold world. I promise to keep your heart safe in my possession. place it in my hands and TRUST ME.

- Melissa Sfida





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