



New Adult Student Organization officers: Andy Kearney, vice president; Joan Impagliazzo, president; Karen Lyons, secretary/treasurer.

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Adult Student Group Names New Officers

by Pat Mc Adams

The new officers of the Adult Student Organization for the 1991-1992 school year are Joan Impagliazzo, president, Karen Lyons, secretary, and Andy Kearney, vice-president. Elections were held on Wednesday, April 10, at the last meeting of the Sandwich Club for the current semester.

Joan, vice-president of the adult students for the current school year, has been a student at Delaware County Penn State since 1988 when she signed up for nine credits to more or less test her wings as a student. She is now about to commence her senior year as a liberal arts major. Joan is married, has four grown children, and lives in Brookhaven with her husband, Sam.

Karen Lyons started classes at

Penn State in 1986 as a part-time student. In the spring of 1990 she made the transition to a full-time student, cutting back her hours at work. She is employed by the Creed Co., in Concordville, where she is the Sales Administrator for the company's sales representatives on the East Coast. Karen is also married and lives in Ridley Park with her husband, Dan.

Finally, one of the most gregarious individuals on campus, is Andy Kearney, who began working at Penn State Delaware County Campus on November 1, 1984, as our Community Service Officer. Prior to his arrival here Andy worked as a Philadelphia Police Officer for 30 years and served in the U.S. Navy as well. He is a part-time student who schedules evening classes throughout the year.

Andy lives with his wife, Amy, in Rosemont. He has three grown sons, and is the grandfather of two girls and two boys, including Andrew Kearney III, who joined the family just three months ago.

Joan, Karen and Andy very well reflect the differing backgrounds of the non-traditional student at Delaware County Campus, where adults now total one-third of the student population. All three speak positively of their experiences as returning adult students at Penn State.

Karen, who is beginning her junior year in the EGNAS baccalaureate degree program, said that "being a student has been very much a challenge, but it's been really fun and I've met lots of really nice people."

Joan decided to return to school after sending off her youngest son to college four years ago. At this time she was very unsure about her ability to succeed as a student. She said, "The encouragement I received my first semester here convinced me that I was capable of continuing and succeeding. After that, things only got better."

Besides participating in many campus activities, Joan is the recipient of a number of distinguished awards for academic excellence. "There truly is no limit to what you can achieve given the right tools and motivation," she said.

Andy intended to go to school earlier in his life but was always too busy with his obligations with the police department to take on any additional responsibilities. He procrastinated when he came here because he, too, didn't know if he could do the academic work required. Andy bit the bullet in 1987 when he signed up for his first class and has had nothing but good experiences and good grades ever since.

Andy is half way towards completing an associate degree. "I've enjoyed every class I've taken," he said. "I like being with the younger people, and I gain from connecting with them. Then my years of living experience allow me to convey to them a little bit of my knowledge. And they like it. They think it's great."

The new officers of the Adult Student Organization hope to do whatever they can to ease the transition of returning adult students to the classroom. Joan mentioned again the support of faculty and staff for the non-traditional student at Penn State Delaware County Campus. "Everyone's just so friendly," she said. Andy nodded in agreement, "It's really a good group."

See the World Through Study Abroad

by Jennifer Darr

Are you tired of coming to school everyday in beautiful downtown Lima? Then do something about it. How would you like to spend a summer studying drama in London? How about studying criminal justice in the Netherlands? If this sounds out of reach to you, think again. Penn State has an extensive Study Abroad program that ranges in geographical area from Greece to Japan and all the way to Australia.

Studying abroad has countless advantages. We live in such a huge world and in that world there are so many different people and cultures. You can learn so much from just socially interacting with different people; imagine what you could learn from being in another culture for a whole year. As Mark Twain said, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness."

Penn State's Study Abroad program consists of a summer program and a regular fall/spring program. The 1991 summer program offers studies in two cities in France (including Paris), Italy, international health education in Mexico, criminal

justice in the Netherlands, health education in Puerto Rico, hospitality studies in Switzerland, and three different courses of study in England.

In addition, Penn State has yearlong and semester programs in Greece, Egypt, Australia, England, Germany, France, Kenya, Japan, Italy, Spain, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, and Israel. A large selection of courses are offered for these semester and yearlong programs. Some of them include business, language, and culture in Germany, mass communications in Manchester, England, and language, liberal arts, and arts and architecture in Rome, Italy.

One problem that a student wishing to study abroad might face is the application deadlines. Since there is so much to arrange when a student plans on going abroad, the application deadlines are often very early. For example, the deadline for the Criminal Justice summer course in the Netherlands was February 15. In addition to the early deadlines, many students aren't given enough information about the programs and when they do find out, it's too late.

Not too much publicity is given to Study Abroad at this campus since we only have one person that is in charge of the program here.

Financially, the programs aren't as expensive as one would expect. You pay regular Penn State tuition plus



room and board fees and airfare. Scholarships and grants are also available, in some cases in addition to student loans.

If you are interested in studying abroad, you can contact John Tierney in Room 302 Main or you can contact Donna Ricketts of the Office of Education Abroad Programs, 222 Boucke Building, University Park. The telephone number is (814) 865-7681. Just remember, apply early!

Sexual Harassment Grabs Campus Concern

By Angela Deal

"Dr. P gave me the creeps. Whenever we took a test, I'd look up from my paper, and there he would be staring at my top or my legs. I quit wearing skirts to that class because I was so uncomfortable around him. I felt like I was some kind of freak in a zoo."

Laura S., a math student, is only one victim of many to experience sexual harassment. Sexual harassment has been recognized as a problem on university campuses all over the U.S.

To deal with these problems effectively and knowledgeably, President Thomas invited members of the President's Administrative Policy Council, academic deans, campus executive officers and other administrators to attend a special session concerning the issue on March 20th at University Park, in Keller Auditorium.

The three day workshop, conducted by a nationally recognized expert in this area, Stephen Anderson, has trained the individuals to be prepared for any issues brought to their attention.

There are 85 contact persons located throughout the University.

At Delco there are four, Charles F. Coleman, Diane Jankowski, Diane Shorter and Nancy Wyatt. These contact persons are available to address problems of sexual harassment at the most immediate level.

In addition, the director of the Affirmative Action Office, Bonnie Ortiz, has introduced a brochure, for individuals to take "a new look at an old problem".

The brochure provides a definition of the term sexual harassment as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- submission to such conduct is a condition for employment, promotion, grades or academic status.

- submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for employment or academic decisions affecting an individual.

- such conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering unreasonably with the individual's work or

academic performance or creates an offensive, hostile, or intimidating working or learning environment.

It provides some examples of sexual harassment and makes it clear that both men and women may be victims. The brochure also contains the names of each campus contact person(s).

Sexual harassment is a problem which effects a great deal of people, more than many realize. 70 to 92% of women and up to 57% percent of men in the population have experienced at least one form of unwanted sexual attention and had reacted negatively to it, according to some surveys.

In addition, it is a legal liability at institutions if not resolved quickly. It has left one large midwestern university recently with fines and other costs of more than \$5 million as a result of a sexual harassment charge which had gone unresolved.

These contact persons are for the student body, staff and faculty. For more information or help concerning sexual harassment, see your campus contact person.