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## Students Learn Harsh Lessons From Break-Ins

By Kaspar Stromme

During the last months there were two car break-ins here on campus. Both break-ins happened during daylight hours; one in the main lot, the other one in front of the main building. In both cases it was the car stereo that was taken.

Even though the crime-rate here on campus is very low, Security Officer Andrew Kierney suggests that there is a lesson to be learned from the break-ins. "If you leave things out, things like tapes or books or anything of value, you are creating an unnecessary temptation for the criminal". And he continues: "If there's nothing of interest visible, chances are they won't take the risk". He recommends locking all valuables including your books in the trunk of your car. And don't buy that \$300 car stereo.

As far as other types of crime go, incidents are relatively low. There has been money stolen from the games in the Lion's Den, and some vandalism, but the rate is low as far as college campuses go. Mr. Kierney attributes the relatively low number of incidents to the commuter-style environment of Delco. But he also feels that all the additional lighting helps, as it discourages non-student criminals from attempting anything here on campus.

A final word of advice from Mr. Kierney: "You wouldn't leave anything visible in your car when you're in Downtown Philadelphia, so why do it here?"



Delco student, Artin Armani took advantage of the recent "snowy" weather to creatively express himself.

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## Delco Wins Its First Fulbright

By Artin Armani

Penn State Delco has just been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship. It is the first ever to be awarded to a Penn State Commonwealth Campus.

The award is one of eleven that was awarded across the country for a scholar to come from Asia. The scholar will be a person from China (PRC), Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, or Japan, and will be selected some time this month.

It is required that the recipient of this award has never visited the United States and has extensive knowledge of the history of his or her country. The scholar will teach a class in either History 174 or History 175. This recipient will also hold a seminar on East Asia Studies.

"What's interesting about this is that the courses that the scholar teaches are open to all students including freshmen. Whereas most schools only allow Juniors and Seniors to sign up for these classes," commented Art History Professor Connie Kirker.

The application for the Scholarship was a time consuming project that started in August of 93. "We had to get the approval of ten institutions in the immediate area such as the University of Pennsylvania saying that the acquisition of the scholarship would be a benefit to the local institutions and to the community," Kirker said.

## Campus Speaks Out On Gays

By Emily Damanskis

Following the recent controversy over lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military, an informal survey was taken by *The Lion's Eye* of Delco students and staff to determine where the campus stands on the issue. Fifty people were asked their opinion.

A surprising 58% of the people asked agreed with lifting the ban. A moderate 32% disagreed with the proposal. And a smaller 10% of those surveyed were undecided on the issue.

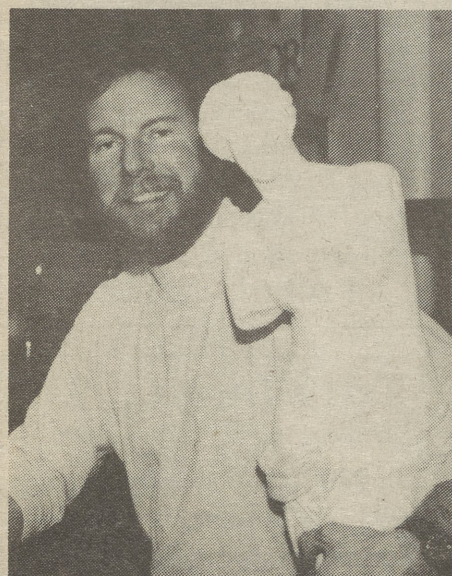
Keeping in line with feelings about homosexuals in general, females tended to be more lenient than males. Eighteen females said yes to lifting the ban. Only four said no, and two were undecided. Dr. Carol Kessler, Professor of English, American Studies, and Women's Studies stated, "I think that the homophobia that we find in our society is the result of ignorance, because we don't know and don't understand. People need to get educated."

Among the males, on the other hand, eleven agreed with lifting the

ban, twelve disagreed, and three were undecided. Scott Kirkner, an accounting and finance major commented, "They don't lead a normal lifestyle and they shouldn't be allowed to do everything a normal person does."

There was also a wide range of opinion among those surveyed. Some felt more strongly than others, like Brian Wynn, a mechanical engineering student who disagrees with lifting the ban. "I'm from a traditional military family and I go with the norm. I don't want to change anything." Sandy Johnson, a library staff assistant, agrees with President Clinton. "I don't think that anybody should be discriminated against in any way, by anybody."

Others were more moderate, like Anthony Palumbo, a first-semester student who's currently against lifting the ban. "It would be fine if they were separated as third and fourth sexes." Diana Grant, a staff member in the Registrar's Office, said, "I agree with the concept, but I'm glad they're giving it some time to work out the details."



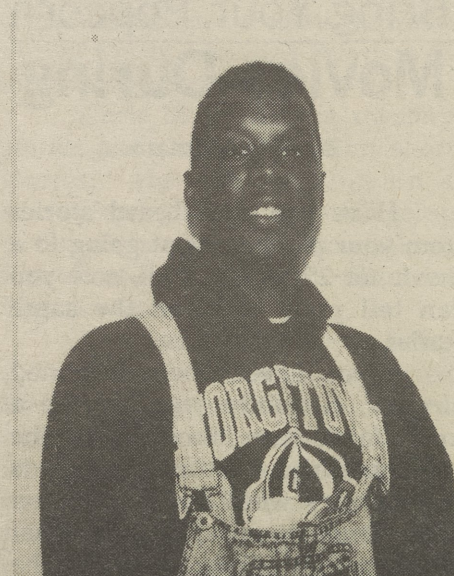
Dr. John Kovach, Asst. Professor, Sociology: "The ban should be lifted because it's based on prejudice, ignorance, and misunderstanding."

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Sylvia Schaffer, Financial Aid Administrator: "Heterosexuals are told that homosexuality is an alternate that is on the same level as heterosexuality; and it is not equal."

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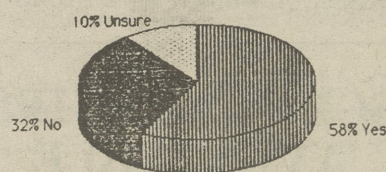


Reggie Duncan, Sophomore Delco student: "They are human just like we are. It's blown out of proportion, somewhat too."

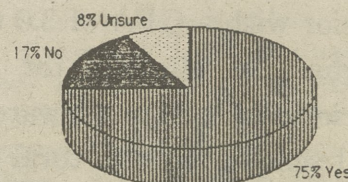
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### Lion's Eye Student Survey Should the ban on gays in the military be lifted?

OVERALL RESPONSE



FEMALES



MALES

