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Connie Kirker, Art Prof Named Teacher of the Year

By Artin Armani

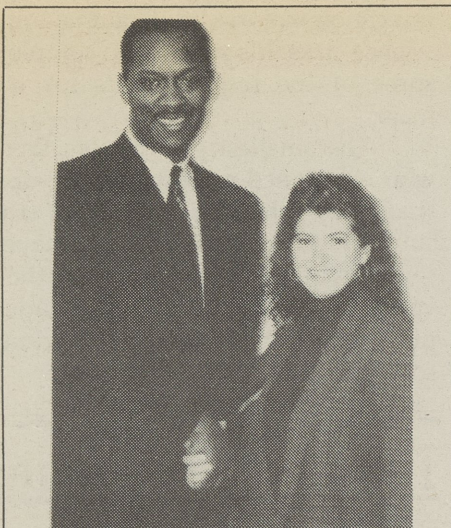
On April 14, 1993, Art professor Connie Kirker was named the outstanding teacher of the year at the Delaware County Campus, and received the campus wide Arts and Architecture award for outstanding service.

Professor Kirker was chosen for the outstanding teacher award by current and former P.S.U. Delco students. She was chosen from a long list of reputable candidates. "It is a surprise. It is nice to have received this award especially during the times of feeling alone. Now I really feel

appreciated," commented Kirker.

In the same day, Professor Kirker was recognized as one of the most outstanding teachers throughout the university in the school of Arts and Architecture. The winner is chosen by the school and a board made up of faculty members. "It is richly deserved. It's good to see the good guys win. Kirker is a unique resource to the university," exclaimed, Political Science Professor, Stephen Cimbala.

Ironically, Kirker was unable to attend the awards convocation to receive her awards. She was teaching an art class at Temple University that evening.



Representative Dwight Evans, Philadelphia County, 203rd District, visited our campus on April 16 to speak at the Executive Forum on Racism. Diana Miceri, Chairperson of the Executive Forum is pictured with Dwight.

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Spring Week Event-filled

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songs, some famous, some not. The band's harmonies were well-rehearsed, highlighted by a rendition of Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody*.

Friday was picnic day, with a free barbeque outside the Commons Building. Sizzling burgers, hot-dogs, and ice cold soda were all there and all free, thanks to the Student Government, who sponsored the event.

Spring week concluded with the SGA Awards Ceremony Friday night. The presentation of the *Walker Award*, *Outstanding Service Award* and the *Outstanding Adult Student Award* were among the evening's highlights.

Campus Releases Details On New Classroom Building

By Caroline Kalafut and Kaspar Stromme

Delco's new building project is moving along as planned. The committee in charge of planning noted in a recent statement that the funding is solidly in place and no serious problems are evident.

The building, which has yet to receive a name, will be located on the slope between the library and Main. It will have four classrooms with seating capacity ranging from 40 to 100 students. There will be five seminar rooms, each with 25 seats. They can also double as quiet study rooms.

The building will be equipped with the latest in high-tech equipment. Classrooms will have multimedia capabilities, that is they will be built to handle the teaching trends of the future. Teachers will have access to sophisticated audio-visual devices, which they will be able to incorporate into their lectures.

The committee, which has been working together with planners from University Park, consists of Business Director Diane Jankowski, Dr. Peter Georgeopolis, Associate Professor of Physics and Art History Lecturer Constance Kirker representing the faculty, and Poonam Batra, Lynn Martin, and William Maun representing the students.

A priority identified by the committee is the lack of adequate

faculty offices. No longer will faculty be doubled-up in small offices. But not only the faculty is going to benefit from the new space. According to committee member Lynn Martin, "There has been an even distribution of the available space among faculty, staff, and students."

Even though no space has been set aside for the student organizations currently inhabiting the Lion's Den trailer, they will also benefit from the new space as vacancies in the Commons Building will be made available to them.

Committee member Constance Kirker said that another priority is to incorporate a large lounge area. "This won't be a study area; instead it will be a meeting place where students can come to enjoy live performances, exhibitions, or just talk with friends."

This will solve a current problem; the noisy study lounge. With this new lounge designated as a "talk-area", the remaining areas could be made "talk-free." In addition, Kirker envisions a place nice enough to be used for graduation and award ceremonies.

An architect will be appointed by April 15, and preliminary designs will be submitted by July. With the approval of the Board of Trustees, a full-color final design can be completed. If there are no delays, occupancy is scheduled for July 1995.

1st Delco Student Accepted In School of Architecture

By Mike Jamison

High hopes and dreams always seem an improbable goal, feats that are not easily attainable and will never see fruition. For PSU Delco's own Christen Sinclair, the fruition of her lifelong dreams are one step closer to reality.

The twenty year old Sinclair, a sophomore in her first year at Delco, having transferred from Drexel, is the first Delaware County student to be accepted to the Main Campus' school of Architecture, the second hardest school in acceptance standards. She will begin the five year architecture program this fall at University Park.

Christen Sinclair, a graduate of Downingtown High, currently resides in West Chester. At a very young age, Christen was fascinated by the work

of her father, who was an architect. As she grew, she found herself attracted more and more to her father's line of work, and knew early on that she wanted to become an architect. As her dreams now become reality, Christen has stated that her chosen architectural field will be in environmentally safe and fuel efficient housing.

When she arrived at PSU Delco this fall, Christen Sinclair had taken only one art design course. When she submitted a portfolio of her work to the Main Campus, her family's collective breaths were held and the waiting began. Her acceptance came shortly after, and with it, a sigh of relief and the beginning of the realization of Christen Sinclair's lifelong dream.

Delco-Slovakia Exchange Planned

By Caroline Kalafut

Campus CEO Dr. Ed Tomeszko traveled to the former nation of Czechoslovakia in November of 1992. The purpose of the trip was to expand the parameters of PSU Delco's American Studies Program. As a result of his efforts, a faculty exchange program will soon be in place.

Dr. Tomeszko also met with members of his extended family and returned home with fond memories and numerous snapshots.

On April 19 - 24, Katerina Fetkova, head of the English Department at Matej Bel University in Banska Bystrica, Republic of Slovakia, and Teodor Hrehovcik, Department of

English, P.J. Safarik Presov, visited Penn State. They divided their time between the Delaware County Campus and University Park. Both are fluent in English.

"Their long term goal is to establish five year's worth of higher education," said Dr. Tomeszko. "They also wish to learn governance, policy making, and educational theory and practice." The main benefit for Penn State is access to a previously closed society.

Dr. Tomeszko said the university is grateful for the opportunity to enhance its American Studies Program and welcomes these two distinguished visitors to our campus.



Pictured from left: Dr. Teodor Hrehovcik, Head of the Department of English and American Studies; P.J. Safarik University, Presov; Dr. Katarina Fetkova, Head of the Department of English and American Studies, Matej Bel University, Banska Bystrica; Dr. Edward Tomeszko, Penn State Delaware County Campus CEO, and Tom Killion, Delaware County Councilman.

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