

Penn State Delco Joins Fight Against Illiteracy

By Nicole Gibbs

A widely - known disease has spread across the United States. But this disease is not AIDS; it is ILLITERACY. Penn State Delco students have initiated their own battle against illiteracy using education and information as their weapons.

The fight began when Penn State Delco was chosen as one of the thirteen colleges to receive a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor. This grant was utilized to develop an plan that would decrease illiteracy in the community. From this plan, a course emerged that trains college students as tutors of literacy. During the course, professors from various departments such as education and psychology, speak on how illiteracy affects society in the different work fields.

The course expanded when a Student Literacy Corp. Grant was issued by the Federal Department of Education to Penn State. This enabled students to teach literacy in several institutions of the community, such as public and special need schools, as well as correctional institutions. Some of the institutions that students visit are Elwyn, Slaton, and Old Forge school. They are hoping to start a new family literacy program in an elementary school in Chester. Some students taking the course meet with colleges in the region at conferences and retreats where they discuss experiences in teaching literacy.

A national network of college and university students known as SCALE, provides Penn State with additional forces against illiteracy. By giving advice and support, SCALE helps to improve the literacy programs at Delco.

This year, students used the support of SCALE and of the literacy course, to add an additional component, the Literacy Club to the growing program. The Club's objectives are to encourage student involvement in conquering illiteracy.

The first meeting of the Literacy Club was held on Monday, September 13. Forthcoming meetings will be posted. If you wish to join the Literacy Club, contact officers Phil McShane or Jen in the Learning Center (109 LC).

EXPANDED LIBRARY HOURS

The campus library recently announced expanded hours of operation to include Saturdays, so students can use the facility on weekends as well as during the week. In recent years the library has not been opened on weekends, except during the very end of each semester and during exams.

The library is now open:

Mondays -Thursdays 7:30 AM - 9:30 PM
Fridays 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturdays 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sundays Closed

BIG APPLE TRIP

This semester's campus bus trip to New York City is set for Saturday, November 6. Sponsored by Art Lecturer Connie Kirker, the bus leaves Delco early in the morning for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, transporting passengers in the late afternoon to the Chinatown/Little Italy area. Cost: \$15. Contact Connie immediately at Ext. 468 if you are interested in going as the trip fills up fast.



New Reference Librarian Theresa Arndt.

Photo by: Wes Tomlinson

Library Welcomes Theresa Arndt; Bids Farewell to Ware

By Mike Jamison

The beginning of a new semester; a time for new friends, a time for change. The Penn State Delco Library recently felt these two harbingers of the new fall semester when the staff recently said "goodbye for now" to departing Reference Librarian Susan Ware, and "hello" to her replacement, Theresa Arndt.

Citing personal reasons, Susan Ware, PSU Delco's Reference Librarian for the past 16 years, has left on personal leave for the 1993-94 academic year. Her return is expected next summer.

In Ms. Ware's stead, the PSU Delco Library family has gained

Theresa Arndt. Ms. Arndt will serve on a fixed term faculty appointment as Reference Librarian, beginning August 16, 1993 to June 10, 1994. Ms. Arndt has gained experience working in the Library at SUNY-Buffalo, where she received her Master's in Library Science Degree, and the Biddle Law Library at the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to her past work and schooling at Buffalo, Ms. Arndt previously attended Case Western Reserve University, where she attained a Bachelor's Degree in English and psychology. With all her past credentials, she will make a welcome addition to the Delco Library staff.

Hard Work Recognized: Kirker, Franz and Walls Head List of Campus Awardees

By Jennifer Holland

Last school year, many faculty members and staff here at Penn State, were recognized for their hard work and devotion to the Penn State Delaware County Campus.

Constance Kirker, lecturer in art, art history, and art education, was named as the campus' Outstanding Teacher of the Year. Connie was recognized for her strong involvement in the Cultures of Africa semester-long program and for her work with the Cultures of Asia program for the spring semester of 1994. When asked about her reaction to receiving such a title, Connie replied, "It was really exciting. It really justifies what you do and it is nice to know that what you're doing is moving you in the right direction."

George W. Franz, professor of history and American studies, received the 1993 College of the Liberal Arts Outstanding Faculty Adviser Award at the annual Alumni Society Awards

Reception for the College of Liberal Arts last April. Dr. Franz was extremely shocked and surprised, however, his wife was not. According to Mrs. Franz, her husband knows exactly what to do an where to go!

Theresa Walls, instructional services clerk, was excited to receive the special John D. Vairo Award for Exceptional Service. Theresa, who also received the Outstanding Staff Award a few years ago, quoted, "I enjoy my job working with the students and staff here at Penn State. My door is always open for anyone."

Many other faculty and staff members also received many awards. The 1993 George W. Atherton Award for Excellence was presented to Sibyl Severance, associate professor of English. Security Officer, Ray Cullen, received the Delaware County Campus Staff Award for Outstanding Service. The Lion's PAW Award for Performance and achievement in the Workplace had two recipients: Mike Iezzi, mail clerk, and Jim Duffy, janitorial.

Campus Discusses Strategic Plans

By S. Cohoon

Brainstorming the future of the Delaware County Campus of PSU with anyone who cared to attend took place on September 13, 16, and 20 in the student lounge of the main building during common hour. Overseeing the meetings were the co-chairs of the Strategic Planning Committee Ed Tomezsko, Campus Executive Officer, and Phyllis Cole, Associate Professor of English.

Approximately fifty people, consisting largely of faculty, were in attendance to hear and participate in discussions to facilitate the goals of the Strategic Planning Committee. The goals were published, in the form of a memo addressed to the campus community, as follows: (1) to improve the recruitment and retention process on the campus, (2) to provide for program development at all levels based on market demand and on the campus' capacity to deliver, (3) to facilitate regional collaboration with the Ogontz Campus and the Great Valley Graduate Center, (4) to develop the technological resources to deliver academic programs at the state-of-the-art, and (5) to operate at the optimum level fiscal efficiency and accountability.

One of the concerns discussed at the September 13 meeting was the problem of getting public visibility for PSU Delco, a vital concern in reaching any of strategic goals. Ed Tomezsko spoke of the ten thousand dollars worth of advertising which had been purchased on KYW 1060, a local news station. Other suggestions were made such as the one by Linda Campetelli, Director of Student Advising, to have daily press releases faxed to local papers. Concurring later, John Kovach, Sociology Instructor, commented on the existence of several articles in the Neighbors section of the September 14 issue of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* concerning grants and programs at several other local colleges.

Much interest was shown by the leaders of the meeting and the faculty in the opinion and experiences of the few students which were at the meeting. Said one student, "I came to PSU Delco because it is the best value in the area. I have traveled alot and people everywhere know the Penn State name." All those participating showed genuine interest and concern with the importance of the planning of the campus' future.

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BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK

The campus community is cordially invited to attend, without charge, a series of talks on THE BILL OF RIGHTS by Commonwealth Speakers, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the Center for Ethics and Value Inquiry. All presentations will be in room 110 of the Library Learning Center.

Tuesday, October 5, 1993, 2:30-3:45

Chair

PRISCILLA CLEMENT

Associate Professor of History, Penn State Delaware County Campus

Speakers

FRANCIS GRAHAM LEE

Professor of Politics, Saint Joseph's University

Religious Liberty: America's Legacy of Suppression

BURTON CAINE

Professor of Law, Temple University

Freedom of Speech After 200 Years:

A Cause for Alarm, Not Celebration

Thursday, October 7, 1993, 2:30-3:45

Chair

STEPHEN J. CIMBALA

Professor of Political Science, Penn State Delaware County Campus

Speakers

JAMES J. MCCARTNEY

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Villanova University

Libertarian, Traditionalist, and (R)Evolutionary Approaches to Privacy and Liberty in the Bill of Rights

ROBERT GINSBERG

Professor of Philosophy, Penn State Delaware County Campus

Reading the Bill of Rights Philosophically

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