



Marcus Parker, warmly welcomes the Delco Nittany Lion to the bookstore now managed by Barnes and Noble.

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Staff Spotlight

Delco Welcomes New Tech Support Specialist

By Wes Tomlinson

Matthew Bodek, Senior Instructional Support Specialist, is one of the new instructors that have recently added to the staff at Penn State Delco. Mr. Bodek now heads the Instructional Services Center office which is located in room 128 in the Library Building across from room 112. The Center supplies most of the audio and video instructional materials for classroom instruction at Delco.

After receiving his B.A. in General Arts and Sciences in 1983, Matt journeyed to nearby Temple University where he obtained a Master's Degree in Educational Media in 1985. The Philadelphia College of Textiles and Sciences hired him as their Assistant Director of their ITECA (Information Technology in their Education Center) teaching K through 12 educators computer and instructional technology.

Some of Matt's plans for Delco are "to improve the undergraduate student classroom experiences by assisting the faculty to develop and use the current state of the art instructional technologies in their teaching. For example, using liquid display panels to project computer



New Senior Instructional Support Specialist, Matt Bodek in the Delco darkroom.

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based multimedia presentations. I would also like to teach students how to use electronic mail (E-Mail) so they can send messages to their friends at University Park and at other campuses, and work with student organizations like the camera and video clubs."

Off campus, Matt and his wife Evjin, who teaches piano, enjoy traveling. His travel plans are unique. Starting at the top of the alphabet, Matt and his wife have visited Australia and Austria.

Grounds Committee Sees Beauty on Campus

By Jennifer Holland

At some point in everyone's life, there is hope for change. Whether that change is emotional, physical, or chemical, it still exists. Our very own Delaware County Campus desires this same reform, and those who are working to make it possible belong to the Campus Grounds Committee.

The Campus Grounds Committee was established last fall. Among its members are Diane Jankowski, Director of Business and committee chairperson, Rick Johnson, cooperative extension representative, Bob Black, faculty member, Tony DiGiantomasso, head landscaper, Kerry Wareham, assistant director to business services, and Bob Lewis, an adult student at Penn State.

Diane Jankowski recently explained, "The purpose of the Campus Grounds Committee is to come up with long-range landscaping plans that will enhance campus grounds, increase our visibility, and use our available resources in the most effective matter."

Though the committee has only

Barnes & Noble Assumes Bookstore Management

By Martyna Sliwinska

Among the many improvements on the campus this year, Delco's bookstore may be the greatest achievement of them all. There is not one of us who has not ventured into the bookstore at one time or another. For the most part, textbooks are what prompt us to such a move. But this year, many changes have taken place and many new features are here to stay.

The most important change was Barnes and Noble taking over the bookstore's management. To live up to such a renowned name, the bookstore had to meet many new standards. So far, the new manager, Mr. Marcus Parker, has been doing wonders to satisfy the customers. He states with deep belief, "Barnes and Noble is very customer oriented. Our goal is customer satisfaction, and we are always open to any suggestions. If there is something missing from our shelves, students are urged to let us know, and we will try to get this product in circulation."

However, there is not much that seems to be "missing." The bookstore offers a wide variety of everything from gifts and Penn State memorabilia, to books and office supplies. The prices are kind to your wallets so you won't find yourself feeling the crunch.

Speaking of prices, there are two new ways students can pay for their purchases. American Express and Discover cards are now being accepted

in addition to Visa and MasterCard. (The MAC card can no longer be used as a method of payment.)

Another new feature affects everybody: students can sell their books year round, instead of only twice a year. Mr. Parker offers some friendly advice about this, "The best time to sell your books is during finals week. It is the time when you are guaranteed the best price for your used textbook."

Barnes and Noble has done a great job of rejuvenating Delco's bookstore. Future plans include a magazine stand and still better, quality service. If you are interested in joining the bookstore's proud staff, contact Mr. Parker for an interview. A full schedule before or after noon is preferred.

"We are very satisfied with the way things are going so far. The staff, the faculty, and the students have been very supportive from the start. We appreciate the warm welcome, and we hope it will continue for years to come." That was how the new manager summed up his experiences at Delco.

The students are satisfied too. Stacey Barnes, first semester, Liberal Arts, noted, "This bookstore is wonderful! It's got everything I need and the prices are acceptable too. It is a great idea for people who stay on the campus most of the day; they can do all their shopping right here!"

That proves the job is being done well Mr. Parker. Thank you very much for giving Delco's store the much needed make-over.

been in effect for one year, they have come up with various ideas and projects to make Delaware County Campus a better place. Among the projects include the front wall at the entrance of the campus. "The idea is to come up with a real eye-catcher," said Diane Jankowski. Campus Grounds Committee members Tony DiGiantomasso and Rick Johnson came up with a possible design to put in flowers, in order to enhance the entrance point.

Rick Johnson, county extension agent representative, instructs the Master Gardeners, a group of people from different fields or interests within landscaping. They take courses through the Penn State cooperative extension service. These people have volunteered a certain number of hours in landscape work at the campus to meet the criteria of the program.

Friday, November 3, the Campus Grounds Committee held a meeting concerning the Campus Master Plan, which was devised by an architect at University Park. He came to the campus and interviewed faculty, students, and staff. Based on their

responses, he prepared a sketch of what we, as a campus, foresee in our future.

The meeting's agenda involved overlaying tissue paper on the plan and identifying different priorities for it, or actually, what these priorities should be. Discussions dealt with topics such as the relocation of the entrance on Route 352 and what projects to undertake in order to keep the grass area controlled. Rick Johnson offered a suggestion to plant various types of trees which would make the campus similar to an arboretum.

Also, an idea involving community gardening is being considered. The objective is to have people rent a piece of undeveloped campus ground and plant whatever they desired. It would reduce the amount of grass for workers to handle and would increase community exposure.

A follow up meeting will take place in the upcoming spring season. Landscape projects will begin during this time and perhaps our dreams of a new campus environment will be on their way.

D.U.S. Celebrates 20th Anniversary

By Emmanuel Seabrooks

This fall marks the twentieth anniversary for the D.U.S. (Division of Undergraduate Studies). They have held several receptions, which began in September, to celebrate and recognize a college which started in 1973.

The D.U.S. actually started almost fifty years ago. In 1948, the D.I.R. (Division of Intermediate

Registration) was created to help meet the academic needs of returning World War II veterans. Much later, in 1973, after a three year study, the University Faculty State recommended the creation of the D.U.S. It was then that the trustees established them on October 1, 1973, to serve as an academic unit of enrollment for exploratory students.

Over 376 students of the Division of Undergraduate Studies were named

to the Dean's list spring semester. Other students of the D.U.S. have been awarded or honored in other ways. Now, with over 4,000 students, the D.U.S. is one of the largest units of enrollment for new Penn State students, and one of the most comprehensive organizations of its kind. This is not a recognition of a person, but a recognition and celebration of a college.