

## Kearney Gets Stoned By Famous Sculptor

By Jennifer Holland

Cindy Crawford. Niki Taylor. Linda Evangelista. Andy Kearney. Hey, wait a minute! That last name rings a bell! Of course it does. It is our very own Community Affairs Officer. Unfortunately, most of us are not aware of his moment under the spotlight as a model.

The year was 1968 and the month was June. Newly commissioned Philadelphia policeman Mr. Andrew Kearney was requested by the Police Commissioner to pose for a statue that was to stand outside "The Round House," The Philadelphia Police Headquarters on Race Street. The purpose of this statue was to convey the public the role of the police officer as a protector and true friend of all. Andy Kearney was the perfect model for the job.

The statue itself shows a police officer holding a young girl in his arms. When asked about his reaction

to the statue after it was completed, Andy said, "The policeman holding the young girl in his arms and her feeling of obviously being protected says it all."

The sculptor of the statue, Mr. Charles Parks, named the sculpture "A Friend." In a personal letter to Andy, Parks wrote that the statue still remains one of the most significant works of his career. He gave Andy a small model of the statue so that he would be constantly reminded of the times when, as a policeman, he was always a friend.

Today, Andy is still that perfect model. He projects what the statue represents. "Officer Friendly" is what most policeman seek as the ultimate goal in their relationship with the public. As Penn State's Community Affairs Officer, he does a fine job of protecting the campus and making the students feel safe. Without a doubt, Andy is a friend to all of us.



Andy Kearney, Delco's Community Affairs Officer, poses beside his statue in front of the Philadelphia Police Administration Building.

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## Admissions Office Renovations Are Moving Forward

By Martyna Sliwiska

As the holiday season quickly approaches, some of us have already decided on our New Year's resolutions. The campus administration, for example, is carrying out one of its major intentions: the renovation of the Admissions Office in the Main Building.

Starting December 13, many changes will take place. Delco's maintenance staff will empty the office and tear down the existing paneled partitions. Then the room will be brightened with fresh paint and additional lighting fixtures. The finishing touch will be the replacement of the old carpet.

After all the necessary improvements and new installations, new furniture will arrive. Ms. Diane Jankowski, Director of Business Services, joined forces with Ms. Nancy Kaufhold, Administrative Assistant to the CEO, to come up with a design for the new Admissions Office. In conjunction with a professional furniture and design representative from PSI Office Systems, they have worked out a scheme and picked out the furniture to be provided by PSI.

The major change will include the installation of three private offices by coordinating new, high partitions with glass sidings by the wall. Then a receptionist's counter will be furnished, and four additional working stations for part-time help and interns.

The renovation of the Admissions Office is a project that has been long-awaited by the faculty and staff. Thanks to Ms. Jankowski and her assistant, Kerry Wareham, who is responsible for coordinating the schedules for the contractors involved in this project, the Admissions staff will be ready to work in their new offices as they return from the holiday break.

## Career Fair Offers Challenges and Opportunities

By Wes Tomlinson

"If any student wants a job now or after they graduate, they should call me at 494-5400," was the response from Bernie Carr, President of Carr Real Estate in Delaware County when he was asked, "How's the job market in this area?" Carr added, "There are many opportunities in the real estate field in the Delaware Valley due to low interest rates and pent-up buyer demand."

Sheri North, '92 Penn State grad with a B.S. in Real Estate echoed Carr's comments, "Real estate is a great opportunity if you like to deal with people; take courses in finance, speech, and get a broad business background." She added, "Realtors look to hire students who have been involved as student leaders in extracurricular activities, are self-motivated and have outgoing personalities."

Similar interesting upbeat observations were expressed at the highly successful Career Fair that was held November 10 in the Main Lounge. A large number of companies were represented by Penn State graduates who explained the opportunities available to Delco students in their field of expertise.

Wes Link, President of Link Engineering Company in Radnor and a '55 Penn State graduate in Liberal

Arts recommended, "Students who are interested in business should take business math; it is one of the best courses taught at Penn State to learn the practical side of business; that course can't be beat!" He added, "Business students also need basic accounting and computer courses to survive today, but you must also know how to mix well with other people, so being involved with student government and serving as a club officer in college is an important experience."

Jeff Jay, a Police Officer with Ridley Township and '83 Penn State grad said, "There are excellent opportunities in law enforcement because there is going to be a major turnover during the next five years due to retirements and increased hirings. There is going to be a great need for new officers in the entire Delaware Valley in the next few years."

Blaise J. Caponi, Accounting, '84, recommended courses in labor-management relations, communications and personnel management for field related to accounting. He suggested, "Try to get part-time and summer jobs in your field of interest while in college. They help to give you direction and may tell you what areas of work that you should avoid." He is currently the Township Manager for Ridley Township.

If you want to make a lot of money, talk to Ken Leider, stockbroker with Janney, Montgomery Scott and '79 Penn State grad with a Master's degree in Public Administration, who said, "College graduates can make a lot of money in a short period of time as a stockbroker, but you need to put in long hours and spend a great deal of time on the phone."

Dave Matthews, '73 Penn State Delco basketball star who now officiates part-time and is an executive with the First Fidelity Bank, stressed the importance of extracurricular activities in college. He said, "College sports and club and organizational leadership positions help to develop teamwork attitudes, and the friendships you make can help you get a job and help your career."

## Communications Problems Addressed

By Jennifer Holland

The 1993 Spring Semester is approaching, and most students have been busy scheduling and registering for classes. However, many have been slacking off, ignoring deadlines such as returning semester bills, and avoiding payments. Joyce Rigby, Campus Registrar, feels that the major problem is lack of communication with students. Rigby stated, "The problem is trying to determine how to get information to the students. What we need is a single good way which students are going to pay attention to."

Other faculty members feel this way also, as well as some students. The "Rap Around" meeting, which was held November 2 in the cafeteria, was a result of complaints from students, one in particular being communication gaps. Students made comments like, "We never know when events are taking place. There is no set system of communication. Teachers cannot get to us when necessary."

According to Joyce Rigby, students have a problem with approaching teachers and faculty when they are confused about a

situation. Registration, in this specific case, is such an example. Rigby explained, "It is the students' responsibility to understand. They should ask questions! If they just ignore the situation, it isn't going to go away," Rigby added, "I am always glad to hear what the students have to say. We are here to serve the students and if their needs are failing to be met, we need to know why!"

Registration is probably one of the biggest areas of misunderstanding students have when dealing with communication gaps. First, they should be aware that advance registration for the upcoming semester is in progress and they should take part immediately. Also, if for any reason the student feels the need to withdraw from school, they should make sure they notify someone in the Office of the Registrar. Otherwise, they will end up with failures on their final report.

Another problem students seem to have involves their semester bills. If something seems incorrect to the students, then they are not to ignore it. The idea is to be persistent and approach someone about the matter. They should question it until satisfied



Career Fair is a big success as many Delco students attend.

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