

## CI 295 Students Experience Unique Problems And Rewards

By Bob Lewis

CI 295, what is it? In the education curriculum CI 295 is a course of study designed to give education majors the opportunity to work in the classroom, observing teaching techniques and assisting the teacher when they can. The students see first hand the problems and rewards inherent in the teaching profession. Mrs. Norma Notzold, Learning Center Coordinator teaches the course.

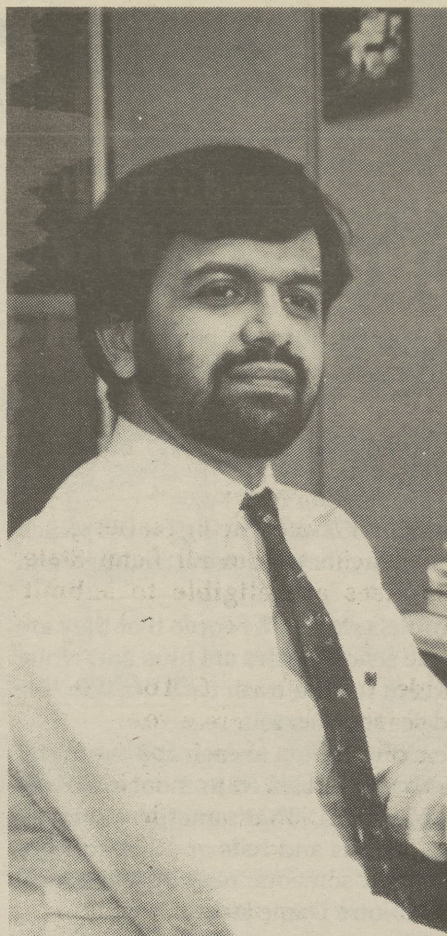
Many Delco education majors feel strongly about helping educate children and on the whole, their experiences with CI295 have been positive ones. Tom Thomas, a second year education student, remarked, "This program is a two-way street; we both help each other. I love working with the kids. Most of them do not have anyone at home."

Other students in Mrs. Notzold's class had similar remarks. Bill Hutton has been assigned to a "special education" class, a real challenge. Bill explained, "As the semester continues,

I hope to figure out a few new ways to help the kids keep focused for longer periods of time." JoAnna Marchesano was particularly impressed by the level of trust the classroom teacher had developed with the students in her class. She remarked, "To me it seems like they trust her and they are not afraid of her. The teacher may criticize them, but they accept this."

Ms. Bonita Davis is a third grade teacher at the Toby Farms Elementary School. She recently commented that her experiences with the students involved in the CI 295 program, administered by Mrs. Norma Notzold "have all been positive." And she had only good things to say about the program.

Mrs. Notzold really enjoys running this program. She is looking forward to future plans that will expand and improve the curriculum. Mrs. Notzold feels that "the experience really broadens the college students' perspectives." Students who might be interested in this course of study should contact Mrs. Notzold in the Learning Center.



Dr. Asad Azemi; new faculty member in electrical engineering.

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## Dr. Asad Azemi Urges Computer Know-How

By Wes Tomlinson

With his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Arkansas, Professor Asad Azemi, arrived at the Delco campus this semester to begin teaching the electrical engineering students. Dr. Azemi received his B.S. degree from UCLA in EE in 1982 and his M.S. in EE from Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles in 1985. He has published 17 journal articles and conference proceedings. He taught at the University of Arkansas for two years before coming to Penn State.

Dr. Azemi went to high school in Iran where he played soccer, volleyball, racketball and was on the swimming team. His main hobby now is working on computers.

He said, "I usually use the IBM and mainframe computers because of the programs that I am running which need a lot of computation." He added, "I'm trying to emphasize the use of different simulation packages which are available for our students; they are becoming a part of almost every course. The more the students know, the easier it will be for them to land a job. If they don't know computers are the twenty-first century, they are going to be lost. This is the trend of the future; interaction with computers and computer knowledge will be an important tool for all college graduates."

Dr. Azemi predicts that "all of the Big 10 Universities will be interconnected with an extensive computer network in the very near future, and soon after that all of the colleges and universities in the country will be interconnected through computer terminals."

This semester Dr. Azemi is teaching Signals and Circuits and the Electrical Engineering Laboratory. His office is Room 203B in main building.



Evette Bazemore, Computer Center and Technical Support Specialist.

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## 'Get Over Your Computer Phobia!'

By Wes Tomlinson

"No one is going to escape the use of computers; everyone is going to be required to use computers to succeed in life; so, get over your computer phobia and learn E-Mail because almost every corporation has it now," warns Evette Bazemore, Delco's Computer Center and Technical Support Specialist. She is working on integrating the Delco campus with an Internet of computer communication with all other Penn State campuses through the mainframe at University Park.

"Students can now use the IBM computers in Room 214 Main to communicate with the mainframe computer at the main campus computer building and through that mainframe to any other computer terminal that is connected to it," she explained. "We expect to have the system up and running for all of the computers in the library by next fall so that all of the computers on the Delco campus can use LIAS and E-Mail. This means that students will be able to talk to students on other campuses and do library research with all of the other Penn State libraries on any Delco campus computer."

When asked, which is the best choice between MacIntosh and IBM, Ms. Bazemore replied, "The line between them is starting to blur."

## Prof. Ginsburg Wins Award

Robert Ginsburg, professor of philosophy at Delco, has received the Honorable Mention Phoenix Award for Significant Editorial Achievement from the Council of Editors of Learned Journals for his work as editor of *The Journal of Value Inquiry* (Kluwer Academic Publisher.)

In 1992, Ginsburg served as general editor for 44 books for three book series. These were published by Peter Lang Publishing, by Jones and Bertlett Publisher, and by Rodopi, for whom Ginsburg served as executive editor of the *Value Inquiry Book Series*.

Graphics are better on the Mac, but most of the software applications are comparable on both." She added, "Students can purchase hardware and software with large educational discounts right now through Penn State."

Ms. Bazemore, who received her B.S. in Computer and Information Systems (CNIS) from Penn State University in 1989, noted, "The computer and telecommunication fields are very bright for future employment. Computer information systems are expanding rapidly. So far, there are not many women in the computer field; so this is an especially big area that affords opportunities for women."



Professor Robert Ginsburg samples some vegetable stir-fry, while art instructor Connie Kirker supervises the "Wok-a-thon" at a recent Cultures of Asia event.

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### Yodel Your Way To an Alpine Adventure

All wannabe yodelers can try yodeling their way to the Swiss Alps and a day on the Glacier Express train. Any musical form of yodeling, standard to outrageous, will be welcome.

A panel of judges will choose the winning yodel based on creativity, originality, and strength of the yodel. The first 200 callers will receive a T-shirt. One lucky yodeler will win a six-day, five-night vacation for two to Switzerland.

Yodeling contenders can enter the contest free now through April 30 by calling 1-800-94Alpine. Contestants will have 60 seconds to give their name, address, phone number, and best yodel. No contestant may enter more than once, and professional musicians are not eligible to enter.