

Spring Break In 'Gai Paris'

By John Tunstall

Where were you for Spring Break '94? Some of you lucky ones returned back to school with a premature Florida tan. Most of you spent a pleasant week stuck here at home catching up on missed assignments and picking up a few extra dollars at work. But if you planned ahead you may have joined the French Club for an adventurous trip to Paris.

This incredible offer was open to all faculty, students, and friends. Not many students were able to take advantage of this chance of a lifetime, but those who did experienced an adventure that they won't soon forget. Angela Schaefer, who went on the trip, had plenty of stories to tell.

Angela and two friends of hers from the Altoona campus boarded their afternoon flight to Paris not knowing what was ahead for them, but they all expected to have fun. They decided to take a low key approach to their visit. Instead of sticking out like most tourists, they wanted to take in the culture like true Parisians.

"I was there to relax, and soak it all in. I think I have a good grasp of the French language, but of course I was afraid, I might make a mistake and embarrass myself," said a well traveled Angela. Using a language in class is one thing, but you need to be able to say a little more than "Where is the bathroom?" when you're in a foreign land.

The three travelers had trouble adjusting to the time change and jet lag of the trip. "We got to the hotel in the afternoon, and just crashed," explained Angela. "We felt tired during the day all week, but we got to enjoy all of the night life."

Enjoying the night life is exactly what they did. At the different clubs they met some really interesting characters, who were friendly and very informative. Who says the French are snobs? "It made me comfortable, the way the locals listened and helped me with my French. I had to stop most of them from wanting to speak to me in English," commented a suprised Angela. Many places get a bad rap on courtesy and manners, but when traveling you have to realize that it is just their culture and not rudeness. Paris is no exception.

What is a trip to Paris without seeing the beautiful sights and experiencing the arts. Angela described the majesty of the Eiffel Tower, which is quite impressive in real life. There are so many sights to enjoy in Paris, it is really impossible to enjoy them all on one trip. "I think Sacred Heart Cathedral was my favorite stop. It is in the northern suburb of Paris," explained Angela, "It is very different from the rest of the city. It had cobble stone streets, outdoor artist, and just spectacular beauty."

During the trip, Angela and her friends had more fun and adventure than they could have hoped for. Those who went promise that you can't be disappointed. As for Angela, she has a fever to go back. She is studying the language even more, hoping to master it on her next trip. "Everybody should have the opportunity to experience all the culture has to offer," she said. "It really makes a difference and it's worth it."

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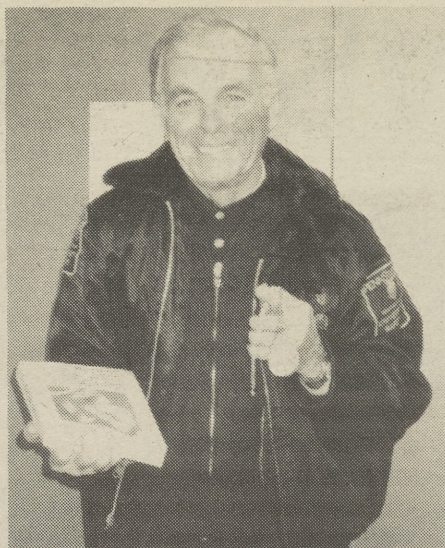
By Bob Lewis

Black Student League: The BSL 3rd Annual Marcel Carter Basketball Tournament featuring Q102, Cheney University, Penn State Delco, Penn State Ogonz, West Chester University plus a step show and performances by the American Defenders, and rap group Bad To The Bone is scheduled for Friday, April 22, 1994 in the PennState Delco Gym. Admission is \$3.00 with student I.D., and \$5.00 for general admission. Proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Meeting Schedule: April 6, Rm. 112 LLC, April 20, Rm. 307 Main. All meetings begin at 12:30 and all interested students are invited to attend.

Lion Ambassadors: Meetings are held every Monday at 12:30 in Room 216 Main. All new members are urged to attend. Contact Marianne Rhodes in Room 111F if you cannot make a meeting.

The Media Club: The "Cultures of Asia" program is in full swing. Instructional services along with the Media Club are actively involved in this production. A brochure has been printed and distributed. For further information contact Allen McMillan or Teresa Walls in Instructional Services LLC.



Andy Kearney, Chief of Security holds lost student items.

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Andy: The Lost And Found Man

By Jennifer Holland

Lose any valuables lately? How about those car keys you lost that you thought you'd never find? Well, have no fear; Andy's here!

Many students are not aware of the lost and found system on the Delco Campus. Andy Kearney, Community Service Officer, is the system himself. Whenever he finds something, whether it is a book or a pair of keys, he keeps them in his office, 116 Main, until someone shows up to claim them. Andy acknowledges, "I am the lost and found!"

If you lose something, just approach Andy and ask him if he found anything similar to what you lost. If he hasn't, chances are he will. Andy will simply take your name and call you when your object has been found.

Andy predicts, "No matter what it is you lose, I'll eventually come across it!" Books are probably the most common items that are found, besides the numerous pairs of keys Andy discovers. Andy says, "People never come to get the books and the ones who do usually fail to have any type of identification inside!" However, if the book has been around for awhile, Andy will most likely give it away. Yet there are many books that are never claimed. At the end of each semester, Andy sells them back to the bookstore and gives the money to the Student Government Association. Andy claims, "Last semester, I gave \$220 to the SGA!"

Remember, the next time you or a friend lose something, do not just brush it off and assume you'll never find it! Speak to the "lost and found man" himself, Andy Kearney!

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