

Info Opportunities Abound at Library

By Phillip Hoertz

The Penn State Delco library offers an immense support system for students. It carries a wealth of books, magazines, and newspapers and is able to obtain additional sources from University park and other libraries as well.

When students need to find these sources, they will be delighted to see that the library has installed three new LIAS systems along with the two originals. "It's great to have two new systems available, because that cuts out the lines that used to form when waiting to use the LIAS computers," said sophomore Don Gasser. They are located just beyond the originals in the middle of the library on desks with plenty of work space. Here a student will be able to find books and periodicals from Delco or University park.

Also, students will find thirteen new computer systems in room 201F. Eventually there will be a laser printer installed for student use. Besides the computer lab in 201F, there are twenty Macintosh computers available for student use with three printers in the front area of the library. Students must obtain a start-up disk from the front desk, and have their own disks in order to use these computers.

Along with books, magazines, newspapers, and computers, the library also offers a wide selection of movies for personal use. Students can look over educational, comedy, drama, and foreign videos that can be rented over night at no charge! There are also TVs available for watching a movie during the day.

A course is being offered for students to take in the Spring semester called Library Studies 100. This is a one credit course that will teach students how to use the library and its many tools for information gathering.

The library is staffed with excellent people to help students with anything. The library is open on Monday- Thursday, 7:30am-9:30pm, Friday 7:30am-5pm, and Saturday 11am-3pm.



Visiting Professor Katarina Fetkova pursues research in American studies at Delco during sabbatical from her university in Slovakia.

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How not to climb a tree.

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Returning Senior Offers Advice On Life at the Park

By Wes Tomlinson

Senior liberal arts major Cyndi Kugelman was vice-president of the SGA when she was at the Delco campus in 1990-91. She also played on the volleyball team and sang in the gospel choir. When she first arrived at University Park in 1991 she lived off campus in an apartment with two of her girl friends. Later, she joined a sorority and moved into the dorms. Cyndi said, "I liked the dorms better because there was no cleaning and no dishes to wash, I didn't have to cook, and the washer and drier were right there on the floor where we lived."

Cyndi has returned to finish her senior year at Delco for financial reasons. "Employment is very limited at the main campus and they only pay minimum wages," she explained.

Cyndi added, "I would recommend that Delco students try to join a sorority or fraternity at University Park because it is easier to make friends in that atmosphere. Every student should try to become involved with some organization to make friends and improve their resume. Also, remember that many other students at University Park are walking around just as clueless as you are."

When asked about student life at the main campus, she responded, "There is a big temptation to get too involved in social life, and as a result, your grades can drop drastically. Many fail out because they couldn't balance the academic demands with the social life at University Park."

Discussing classes, Cyndi advised, "Take as many of the basic courses here at Delco where the classes are much smaller and the profs care about you. I had a chemistry class at University Park where there were over 500 students in the classroom and half of them failed."

Her final recommendation was, "Every student should read *The Daily Collegian* every day at University Park because it contains vital information such as exam schedules."

'Tree Climbing 101' — The Course You Should Have Taken

By Shawn Riley

On your way to class during the past few weeks chances are you noticed a large group of people climbing Delco's trees. Don't be alarmed; these "Tree People" are not taking over the campus.

These rugged-looking individuals with bright orange helmets, extensive amounts of rope, and various other supplies dangling from their belts were just taking a course they hope will better their professional lives. One of the more ambitious students said, "I'd like to gain the knowledge that would lead to my becoming a certified tree surgeon." Others in the group just took the course to try for a better job in a new field.

Several instructors from outside Penn State were brought in for the course. They spent class giving

lectures on tree safety, charting the climbers' progress with clip boards, and even giving exams on the in-class topics, as well as those topics covered in the field.

"There are over forty people enrolled this year, so we divided them up into groups of six or so, and then we tested what they learned on the trees of Delco," one of the instructors said. That leaves no tree on campus unclimbed by these brave "tree people".

Why here at Delco? One of the climbers said it best. "This campus has some of the most beautiful and diverse trees in the whole area. There is something for every skill level here."

Now that the two week course has finished, members of the campus community will have to wait until next year to get another glimpse of Delco's trees covered with eager climbers.



Cyndi Kugelman, Senior, FGNAS and former SGA Vice-President at Delco returns to complete her last year at Penn State Delco.

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Business Majors Get Tips On Transferring to U.P.

By Phillip Hoertz

"Getting to know your advisor is the key when transferring to University Park," said Jennifer Watkins, a business major who recently visited Delco to talk to students about the transition to main campus. "Your advisor can help you plan your curriculum and find a job or internship, he or she can write you a letter of recommendation, and your advisor is always there to talk about anything."

Also, University Park has great opportunities for hands-on training. "A career day is held in the fall where students can make valuable business contacts, and there is also a minority career fair day where businesses specifically recruit minorities," said Jennifer Watkins. "One of the best programs here is the Internship program. Students gain self-confidence and excellent experience, often in different area of the U.S. Then students have something to talk about in interviews other than school," Watkins explained.

Another major adjustment that can be good and bad at the same time is the broad social life University Park has to offer. "The Park has a club or activity for everyone," said Bill Cisek,

business major. The business field alone has 28 clubs and fraternities available.

"A great club for students coming up from common-wealth campuses," explained Bill Cisek, "is the Roar Corps club. This club is for students who attended a common-wealth campus and are willing to go out to other common-wealth campuses to recruit and inform students about University Park."

One thing both Bill and Jennifer stressed is that students should not get too involved in social life and fall behind in their school work. "That can be a very tempting road to follow," said Watkins.

For students going to University Park in the Fall of '95, a housing fair is held in March to help students find a place to live in either residence halls or apartments.

As for business majors, two curriculums are offered to students. Students who started their college career in the fall of '94 will follow a new and different curriculum than the sophomores. If students have any questions about the new curriculum or their own status, they should contact Dr. Kersnick or Mr. Terrell in room 312G main.