

## Accomplishments And the Source

By Nicholas Felici

Anyone wishing to keep tabs on the professors and staff here at Penn State Delco should set their sights on the *Source*. Edited by Ron Hill, PSU publicist and university relations coordinator, the *Source* is an up-to-date publication of projects, publications, and professional activity by individual faculty members.

To teach at Penn State, professors also must contribute significantly outside the classroom. Each faculty member pursues a research project, or perhaps multiple projects, in his or her field. Keeping in close contact with the faculty, Ron Hill includes in the *Source* a detailed report of the present accomplishments and future projects of his subjects.

In the latest edition, two lengthy write-ups on the works of Dr. Michael DeRosa, professor of chemistry, and Dr. Robert Ginsberg, professor of philosophy, covered a quarter of the entire eight-page publication. DeRosa has received grants and published a number of papers in conjunction with other researchers. Ginsberg took part in a semester-long seminar on Vico, and Italian philosopher, and also presented multiple papers.

Not to be outdone, Dr. Carol F. Kessler, professor of English, American Studies, and Women's Studies, has recently published an article on some of the works of Charlotte Perkins Gilman. A book by Kessler is on the way, according to the *Source*.



Colonel Dave Pergrin exhibits his prize-winning wood carving of the Penn State Nittany Lion.

Photo by: WES TOMLINSON

## David Pergrin: Woodcarver, Author, Director and PSU Grad

By Wes Tomlinson

Penn State graduate and retired Army Colonel Dave Pergrin exhibited his prize-winning Nittany Lion wood carving at the 11th Annual William Rush Woodcarving and Wildlife Show held in the Penn State Delco gymnasium October 21 and 22. The show featured over 100 exhibitors from as far away as Florida. Several thousand visitors attended the two-day exhibit. The show was sponsored by the Penn State Club of Delaware County, and all admission proceeds benefited their scholarship fund at the Penn State Delaware County Campus.

Col. Pergrin was the pioneer in the teaching of woodcarving in this area and in promoting the art among local civic and social organizations. Over the years Pergrin has provided instruction and inspiration to many Boy Scouts, senior citizen groups, and aspiring artists.

An honored alumnus of Penn State, Pergrin retired after a successful career as chief industrial engineer for the Penn Central Railroad. He has written a best-selling non-fiction book, *First Across The Rhine*, about the history of the 291st Combat Engineering Battalion which served with high distinction in World War II, especially in building the first bridge across the Rhine River under heavy enemy fire from the Germans. Colonel Pergrin served as the Commander of that United States Army unit.

He has written and directed a movie about the heroic exploits of the 291st Combat Battalion which has been shown on Channel 12 and on other television networks.

Pergrin said, "All Penn State students are welcome to come and learn wood carving at our club meetings in the Delco cafeteria at 7:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month."

## Vandross Goes Too Far, but Jackson is Just Right

By Kia and Kewana Walker

Luther Vandross, the famous voice that brought love to our hearts now brings us remakes. Luther's new album *My Favorite Songs* has spun the heads of many loyal fans. Some say he's gone too far this time.

"Endless Love" done with

Mariah Carey brings tears to many eyes — not tears of joy, but tears of sorrow. This song was once a beautiful song, originally done by Lionel Richie and Diana Ross. Carey and Vandross just don't put any kind of feelings into the lyrics. Richie and Ross gave a feeling of intimacy when they sang it. That was what brought the song to the top of the charts. Now you don't hear it anymore unless you listen to the oldies station.

Also, to hear Luther sing "Always and Forever" leaves many fans speechless. This song has been re-recorded before by Whistle, and they sung it wonderfully. This time it sounds just plain terrible.

Luther is still a great entertainer;

he just need to stick to his own songs. If you want to see for yourself, watch PBS on Monday, November 28 at 9 p.m. Luther will be singing songs from his new album.

Also, Janet Jackson is back with another big hit. "You Want This" is climbing up the charts.

This song has a little bit of everything in it. Not only does it have Janet's usual touch of dance rhythm, it is very provocative too. It also has a touch of rap by one of the number one female rappers, M.C. Lyte.

The video for this song shows the famous dance everyone is doing: the "Butterfly." So check out the song. You'll probably like it!

## RIPIS ROADWAY PACKAGE SYSTEM ATTENTION

### PENN STATE STUDENTS PART TIME JOBS AVAILABLE

- 3 - 5 hour Shifts Available  
(5:00 - 10:00 P.M. and 1:00 - 6:00 A.M., M-F)
- \$6.00 to \$7.00 per hour to start.
- 30 Days - \$1.00 increase for Tuition Assistance
- 90 Days - .50 per hour Raise

Small Package loaders and unloaders.  
If interested, apply in person at:

**ROADWAY PACKAGE SYSTEM, INC.**  
442 Creamery Way  
Exton, PA 19341

Rt. 30 Oaklands Corp. Center, 1 mile west of Rt. 100, behind Applebees.

AA/EOE

## Ramsey's Organized To Help Students

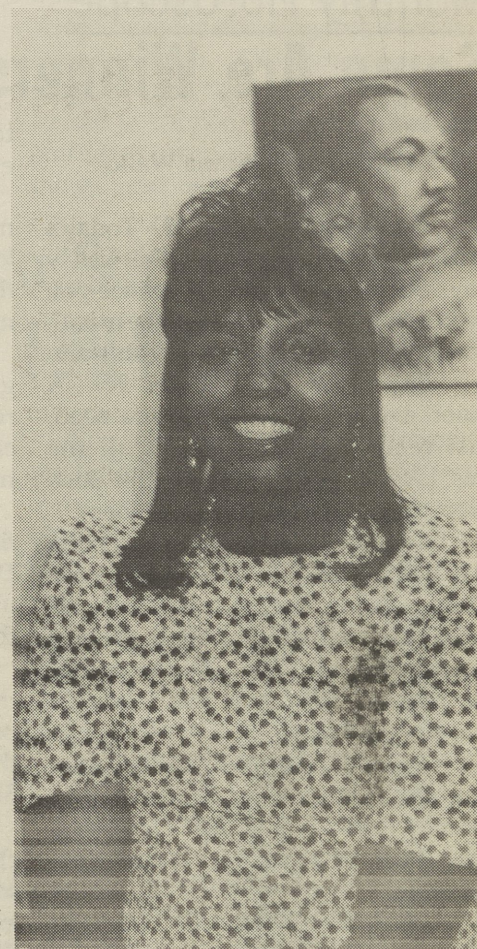
By Kia Walker

"I felt the need to help minorities succeed in their goals in life at a predominantly white institution," explained Loretta Ramsey when asked why she became a retention counselor at Penn State Delco.

Ms. Ramsey graduated from Simon Gratz High School. After she received her diploma, she went on to earn her B.A. in psychology at Penn State, University Park Campus. She then went on to receive her M.S. at Radford University in Virginia.

Ms. Ramsey decided to become a counselor with the support of a friend, who herself established personal needs, academic skills, and career goals that helped her complete and further her education.

Ms. Ramsey is now in the process of reorganizing her office and establishing contact with students since the move from the main building over to the commons. When asked about her new office on the second floor of the commons, Ms. Ramsey said, "I hope the move will prove to be beneficial to our students."



Loretta Ramsey, Retention Counselor

Photo by: WES TOMLINSON