

PSU Delco Students Team With National Americorps

By David Whiteman

Three students at Penn State's Delaware County Campus have decided to give their time and energy to the bettering of the local community. Through the National Americorps program and under the enthusiastic direction of Norma Notzold, Learning Assistance Coordinator, Terri Click, Jean Conboy, and Matt Schroeder will begin their volunteer work by helping in the Toby Farms School.

"We are very excited to make contributions to this program," said Norma Notzold. "Our students will also be working at other sites in Chester County, such as Old Forge School, Elwyn, and Sleighton School." The latter is a school for juvenile offenders from Philadelphia.

To combat the increasing number of old, run down schools, decrepit community centers, and diminished localized resources, the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU) has created this program, called the Pennsylvania Campus Compact (PACC). The purpose of this 51-college and university coalition is to address civic

responsibility and service learning opportunities on campuses and in communities.

This program seeks to teach college students the importance of student participation in community service, the value of responsible citizenship, and the satisfaction obtained by giving life-long service.

Members are called Service Scholars. They are required to work in local communities and address unmet human, educational, safety, and environmental needs. 900 hours of minimum wage service over a 2-3 year period is also required.

Training for the program was held at Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA, from January 13 through 16.

The whole concept of the program, however, is still fairly new. "We're still working things out," said Notzold. "Problems still come up now and then." Problems or not, the Pennsylvania Service Scholars are tomorrow's community leaders, and the experience they gain from their hard work and dedication will likely give the rest of us a future worth looking forward to.

PS Introduces Library Studies, Advanced Reading Improvement

By Martyna Sliwiska

During the past few years Penn State Delco has strived to improve the quality of its education. The campus realizes that how much students get out of their classes depends, for the most part, on their learning abilities. To help students reach their fullest potential, Penn State is offering reading improvement courses as well as two library studies sections.

There are two Language and Literacy Education courses offered this semester. One section of College Reading Improvement II is a regular semester-length session worth three credits. The second one is a one and a half credit course starting after the Spring Break.

College Reading Improvement II provides an intensive development of comprehension, vocabulary, and higher level study skills. This combination ensures a better understanding of and higher efficiency in content area reading.

Library Studies: Information Search Strategy 100 is a one credit course helping students to locate information in the library. It also develops planning strategies and research efficiency.

Anyone interested in improving their study skills and their learning potential should contact Mrs. Notzold or Mrs. Whildin in the library. Consult this semester's schedule of classes for dates and times.

A Stray From Textbook Terror

By Kristen Zak

Penn in Hand, a literary magazine featuring work from the student body, as well as the staff of Delco arrived on campus last week. Edited by Nick Felici, the magazine is a collection of short stories, poems, and artwork with the bulk of the writings coming from students.

Campus members submitted over seventy pieces of writing to the magazine. Students in English 297 (Writing for Campus Publication) judged then on four main criteria: quality of content, word choice, creativity, and style of writing. Length was also a factor in selection due to limited space. The artwork for the

magazine was done by Eric Cszimazia.

Felici, a student in English 297, took on the responsibility of producing the magazine. He had past experience compiling literary magazines from high school.

"Issuing a literary magazine for a practically illiterate campus must have been quite a challenge," noted *Lion's Eye* editor Martyna Sliwiska. "Nick Felici will have his work cut out for him trying to get people to read the literary magazine for reasons other than to see their names in print."

This is the first literary magazine published in four semesters. Depending on its success a second may be soon to follow.



Myron Pubusky, the new cafeteria manager with veteran "Chef" Marty Calla.

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In with the New Management, Out with the Great Veterans

By Jennifer Holland

There is something new in the cafeteria, and it isn't the TV sets. It is Myron Pubusky, the new Chef/Manager.

"I really like working with Myron. I think he is a great person. It is a pleasure coming to work with him. He has great ideas and is a very considerate person," said Bernice Pinkowicz, who works in the cafeteria.

Myron Pubusky is very experienced in running a kitchen. For 18 years, he owned a restaurant in downtown Media on State Street called the Market Cart, where many of Delco's staff and faculty dined. Myron explained his management philosophy. "I am going to try to keep track of all specials that are popular with the students and listen to all of their requests. I also want to run a more popular line of homemade soups and improve the salad bar by adding a better variety of items."

Louise Kwaitkoski, who also works in the cafeteria, comments, "Myron knows what he is doing. When we come in, he has everything ready. Everything is going well."

To start the new semester off right, Myron has already taken action with some of his ideas. A few weeks ago, he offered a baked potato bar with a choice of six toppings, that seemed to be pretty popular. Also, there was a sweet potato pie special. Myron said, "I want to try new desserts, such as Angel Food Cake and start a vegetarian burger." He added, "We also changed bakeries. We have gone back to the Italian Steak Roll."

Myron also plans to have different theme days in the near future, such as Chinese New Year and St. Patrick's Day. He wants the students to have variety. "The students here are very nice. I worked in several other units with All Seasons and this is the most conveniently laid out of them all," he commented.

Building A Climate of Respect Means Business to Retreaters

By Bob Lewis

To most readers of the *Lion's Eye*, the word "retreat" conjures up similar meanings: a religious retreat with long hours of solitude and reflection or the military definition of disaster and failure. However, on January 27, 1995, the faculty, staff and members of the student body attended a student life "retreat" that was neither of the above. The day-long retreat at the Oberod Conference Center in Delaware was marked by exuberance, hope, humor, and positive understanding.

The main speaker at the conference was Dr. Terrell Jones, Deputy Vice Provost for Education Equity at Penn State. Dr. Jones strongly noted, "People are products of their environment, and communities." In developing a curriculum or campus agenda, "programs must adjust to fit the students."

As the day progressed, different faculty members and students commented on the various aspects of the group exercises and insights brought out. Dick Barrett, Business

Department, observed, "This kind of program lays the foundation for understanding; it challenges you as an individual."

Andrea Wolff, sophomore geophysics major, noted, "Building a climate of respect brings out the potential of all." Gwen Atkinson, DUS and member of the BSL, felt strongly about the day's activities. "I believe that the program was effective, but would have been better if more students from all races on campus were represented." Sophomore business major Ly Lim said, "I learned a lot. I had Dr. Jones as an instructor at University Park and felt confident in his approach to diversity."

As the day progressed, the group generated lists of new ideas for "Building a Climate of Respect." These lists came out of small discussion groups whose members shared them with the entire retreat group. The lists will be integrated into a large document on "Managed Diversity of Race, Culture and Community," that will be communicated throughout the campus.

