

Serving Others With A Smile

By Bernard F. Mount

Are you interested in community service? If so, there's a new club on campus that might be for you.

The name of the club is the Penn State Service Corps. It's main objective is a very noble one, to promote community service to the students of our campus.

Service Corps President and Americorps student Matt Schroeder invites all students to attend the next meeting. "If you have a true interest in community service, regardless of whether you have the time to go out into the community, come to a meeting and see if our club is for you." Matt stresses that the club is very flexible and that no amount of time is too minute for assisting the club.

The Service Corps work in conjunction with a variety of non-profit organizations, such as the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, United Way, and a number of local and family health services.

The Service Corps is also closely affiliated with the Toby Farms Elementary School, Chester Township,

where the club's emphasis is on education, offering services such as after school tutoring, teacher assistance, and health care reform. The Service Corps also plans to help with the establishment of a school store and the organization of a school paper.

Upcoming Service Corps events include a collaborative project with Habitat for Humanity, Blue Jean Day on October 25, where buttons will be sold on campus for a donation of \$5.00 to benefit victims of catastrophic brain injury, and Oxfam, a hunger awareness luncheon to be held in the student lounge sometime in November.

The service Corps has had a good reception at their first two meetings. Future meetings will be held October 16 at 12:30 in the club room of the commons building and every other Monday thereafter at the same location and time.

The Penn State Service Corps may be a new club on campus, but it is based upon an old and sometimes overlooked principal: helping others in order to benefit the whole community.



Members of the Service Corps discuss upcoming projects.

PSU Delco Clubs Are Alive And Some Are Really Kicking

By David Whiteman

The clubs of Penn State Delco are alive and well and are worth looking into.

The Adult Student Organization, whose purpose is to provide encouragement and assistance to adults entering Penn State, is led by Doug Frank. He is the person responsible for bringing the delicious pretzels that are for sale on the first floor of the main building. The ASO has enjoyed tremendous profits from the sale of the popular snacks, and expect the success to continue for a long time.

The Black Student League is not a club for just African-American students. Everyone is invited to join. The purpose of this club is to create programs and activities that benefit African-American culture. Positive development through a strong core of leaders is desired and always achieved. The BSL has been sponsoring sales and activities which go towards improving a healthy racial identity.

The Engineering Club is for anyone who is majoring in, or has a major interest in the field of engineering. Curt Bradley is President and urges everybody to join. The club often participates in on-site industry visits. The goal of the club is to strengthen academic preparation for a career in engineering.

A popular club here at Delco is

the Karate Club. An interest in the martial arts is all that's required. Participants not only learn cool defense techniques, but learn the history behind some ancient Asian cultures.

If you have decent grades and are looking to take part in serious service to Penn State now and for years to come, then the Lion Ambassadors may be your club. Carl Heller and Nick Felici head this team as they present tours and pep rallies. Members also serve as recruiters, hosts, and speakers for important campus events.

Delco's Keystone Society is a club specializing in community activities. Their purpose is to strengthen Delco's reputation in communities close to the campus. Keystone Society leader Brian Budzinsky is recognized as a leader both on campus and in the community.

Much like the Keystone Society club, but involving both students and faculty, is the Penn State Service Corps. Members provide services to organizations and institutions in the surrounding communities. Matt Schroeder heads this club and invites everyone to participate.

If you like playing sports, you owe it to yourself to join the Student Athletic Association. These are the people responsible for bringing intramural sports to Delco. The games are played during Common Hour and are open to everyone. Interested? See Tom Sibley and he'll fill you in.

Campus Embraces Technology

By Jackie Roth

Penn State Delco is moving with technological as it begins to work with its newest investment which arrived on campus this past July, the Pictel system from Pictetel Corporation. This new system now enables students and faculty on campus to hold conferences with other campuses likewise equipped. But, exactly what is Pictel and what does it mean to the student body?

Pictel is video conferencing, which is designed to be used in conference rooms and can include approximately a dozen people at each location through swivel cameras and tabletop control pads. In the business world it will reduce the need for travel by associates, thus saving on travel costs and quickly paying for the cost of the system. It also enables those in the conferences to scroll documents and talk with more flexibility while moving at a rate estimated to be about four times faster than the fastest modem.

Here at Delco

Penn State Delco is equipped with a system such as this. Students enrolled in the Project Vision course have already had experience with the

system, and on at least one occasion have held a conference with approximately sixty people on two other campuses. Faculty members also use this system, to attend meetings, which keeps them on campus and more available to students. Anyone who is able to use the system is allowed, and clubs who may be having a guest speaker on another campus are welcome to use the system for such purposes.

Matt Bodek, Instructional Services, feels it will benefit the students here since "it will reduce the travel faculty and staff have done in the past. It will keep them on campus for students who have to speak with them, until five minutes before the time of their meeting."

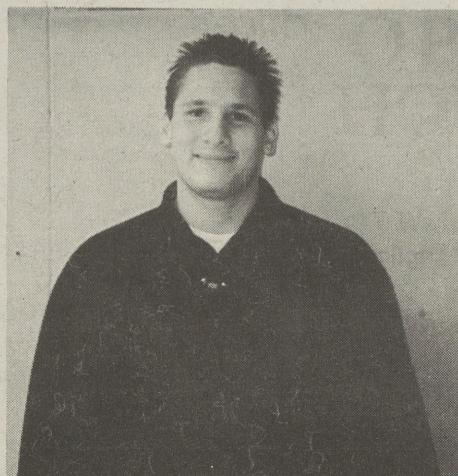
Project Vision student Brian Logue, freshman, Business Administration, said, "We have access to a system not many people are exposed to. It makes a lot of work involved in Project Vision possible, which it would not be without it." The general consensus of the students according to Matt Bodek is "once they get over the giggles of seeing themselves on television they really like it."

Campus Survey

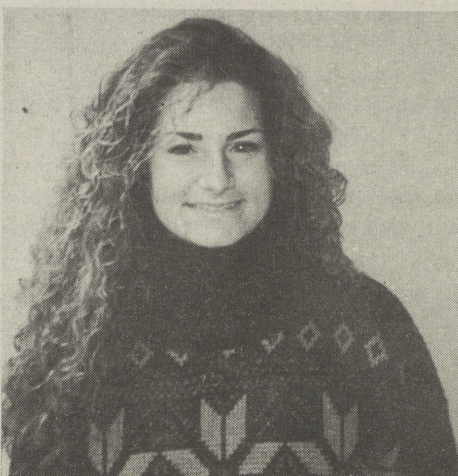
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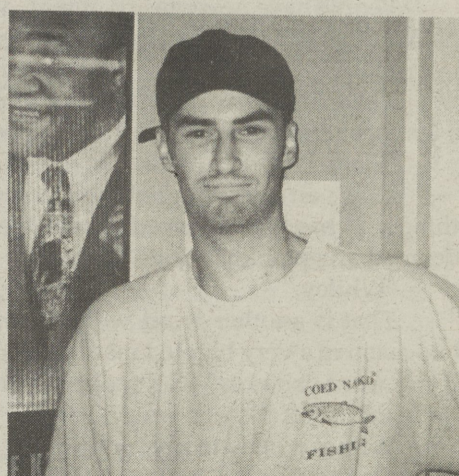
Diane Jankowski (Director of Business Services and Technology): "Yes, because I think we are situated in an area where it's convenient for students in Delaware County, but we have a lot to offer for students who live an hour or so away. Having dorms would give students the total college experience and increase activities on campus."



Mike Liberatoscioli (first semester, elementary education): "Yes, because the new academic building coming in will attract a lot of people interested in technology. It's a very safe environment and the community is growing bigger."



Sharon Desimone (first semester — agriculture): "Yes, because I know a lot of people that are traveling 45 minutes to school. It's too long of a drive in the morning, especially if you have an early class."



Jimmy Pretti (fourth semester — business): "Yes, because it would allow a wider variety of students to come here and would make a more friendly atmosphere on campus. It would also allow you to get to know more people on campus."