

New Student Organizations Sprout on Delco Campus

By Bill Campbell

New semesters bring new students with new enthusiasms, which in turn, bring new clubs. Four new clubs are in swing this semester: the Muslim Student Organization, the Speech Communication Club, the Communication Club, and the Drama Club.

The *Muslim Student Organization* is headed by Mazen Abdel-Rahman, a fourth semester, computer science major. The Muslim Club is "there to strengthen members' faith and to promote campus awareness..." said Abdel-Rahman, "and to change any stereotypes people might have. We try to make it open to everyone."

The Muslim Student Organization doesn't have any activities planned as of yet, but President Rahman has ideas. "Activities might include dinners and lectures. We just started; we hope to continue." Meetings are currently set for Thursdays from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

The *Speech Communication Club*, advised by Dr. Wayne McMullen, Assistant Professor of Speech Communication, was formed "to give

students a chance to meet other people from the speech communication major, and to meet people from the professional community so speech communication students can be sure of where they are going," Dr. McMullen said.

Justin Mayfair, second semester communication major, is President of the Communication Club. "The old Video Club, the Camera Club, and the Communication Club were combined to form one Communication Club," Mayfair said. "We have a foundation. We can build anything we want from that foundation." The next meeting hasn't been set for the club yet, but "the Wednesday before spring break is a possibility," Mayfair said.

The *Drama Club* would like to put on "some kind of production before the end of the semester," said Ron Hill, Drama Club Advisor, "maybe a one act play, a monologue, or maybe a song—we're not sure of the form."

For clubs to form, enthusiasts need ten members. Interested students should see Activities Coordinator Raquel Arredondo in room 138 Commons/Athletic Center.

Opportunity Knocks at Recent Summer Job/Internship Fair

By Greg Jurkowski

What's a Summer Job/Internship Fair? According to Jason Dirnbauer (2nd Sem, Business), "An internship fair is a good way to get my foot in the door with large companies to gain some experience in my future field."

On Monday, January 22, the Career Counseling Center held its Summer Job/Internship Fair in the student lounge of the Main Building. The Fair was put together by Mrs. Sharmon Bryant and Mr. Virgil Perry, the campus Career Counselors. They were assisted Mr. James Taylor, an intern from West Chester University, who is working on his Master's degree in higher education as a counselor on campus.

Any students who missed the Fair but are interested in the possibility of summer internship can still check out job possibilities. They can see Mrs. Bryant on the second floor of the Commons Building or check out an electronic employment service called Decisive Quest. It is for college students looking for internships, part-time and summer employment. Decisive Quest can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.onramp.net/~dq1>.

The goal of the Fair was to give students the opportunity to seek

summer employment in their intended major. Mrs. Bryant commented, "Our goal was met because we were able to get information about summer internships out of my office and into the hands of the students here on campus. The information about these jobs is always here in my office but students do not know that it exists."

The Fair attracted about 85 students who picked up information on possible employment, which in Mr. Perry's eyes is a good turnout for the population of the campus. One of these students, Johanna Licciardello (2nd Sem. Business) said, "I was looking for an opportunity to gain experience doing something interesting this summer while earning tuition money." Another student, Cory Snape (5th Sem. Computer Engineering) picked up a brochure on Co-op for Engineering Students offered by Penn State. "I needed an internship for Computer engineering in order to gain experience for when I graduate," he explained.

Those students who have picked up information and are interested now have to go through the process of filling out an application for their intended internship. In the opinion of Mrs. Bryant, it is not all that hard to apply. If students do run into difficulties while going through the process, they can always go see Mrs. Bryant in her office for help.

Campus Hires New Security

By Jaclyn Roth

Returning students on Delco campus will find many new faces around campus. One of those new faces is that of Bobby Frazier, the new full time security guard. A graduate of Lycoming College with a BA in both Criminal Justice and Psychology, Bobby enjoys the Delaware County Campus thus far. "It's nice. I love the college atmosphere."

A part-time police officer for



Raquel Arredondo helps Lance Spear, SGA Treasurer, balance the books.

Photo by Greg Jurkowski

An Enthusiastic Arredondo Takes on Student Services

By Beaty Broughton

"I am very outgoing and have lots of great expectations. I am open to a lot of suggestions and ideas," says an enthusiastic Raquel Arredondo about her new job.

Arredondo replaces Nancy Trainor as Student Services Specialist. She comes to PSU Delco with a B. A. in psychology from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

"I am presently pursuing my Masters in Student Personnel Services at Rowan College in Glasboro, New Jersey," says Arredondo. "While in that program I was in an internship

for six months at Rutgers in Camden." There she was mentored by a professor who she gratefully acknowledges helped her choose her career path.

In addition to attending school in New Jersey, she also lives in the Garden State. This gives her a 1 1/2 hour commute to PSU.

Arredondo is setting goals for herself and the students of PSU Delco. "My goal is to get the whole campus involved in educational as well as social activities, and bring out that Penn State spirit."

Arredondo's office is located in room 138 of the Athletic/Commons Building.

"Quality and Affordability" Raises Enrollment at Delco

By Jane Elliott

Admissions for Penn State Delaware County are climbing! Fall 1996 applications have risen 13% over 1995. So far 793 students have applied, and 650 have been offered admission; offers for freshmen have risen 12% from last year. And of those 650 accepted, 46 have paid their acceptance fee which moves the enrollment figure up 39% over this time last year.

For transfers, the total has risen 29% in applications since 1995 and is up 200% in offers, but this is actually only a difference of two people. Penn State is even in paid acceptances compared to last year.

For 1996, associate degree students have sent in 33 applications which is 22% ahead of last year; offers are exactly even. Moreover, the total is 200% ahead in acceptances paid which is three instead of one.

"We have more referral offers

than direct offers," explained Ms. Debbi Eric, Director of Enrollment Management. This simply means more people applied to University Park and though not accepted here, were admitted for the Delaware County Campus.

In the last two years, Penn State has become very popular due to its "quality and affordability." Students with high rank in high school are choosing Penn State because the education received is equal to or better than what private schools offer and at a much more affordable price.

And what do the students think? Julia Smith, a freshmen majoring in psychology, commented, "I think that it is good. Penn State is a great place to further your education."

Penn State is giving priority to degree-seeking applicants over provisional applicants because enrollment has increased. One factor is that while SAT scores have been "recentered" to look higher, in actuality they remain the same. SAT scores still remain an important factor in admission to Penn State.

Admissions programs for spring include the following. The "It's Not Too Late Program" for high school seniors who have not yet applied, will be offered March 13 and March 26. The "Offer Program" for applicants who have been offered admission will be presented on February 15, February 28, and April 11. Lastly, "A Taste of Penn State" is the ice cream reception held this year on June 6 for paid acceptances.



Bob Frazier, new security guard.

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