

Career Concerns? Explore Options At Career Center

By Bill Campbell

Are you still wondering what you're going to do with your life? Are you afraid that when you graduate there won't be any jobs for your major? Are you looking for work-world connections? If you are, Ms. Sharmon Bryant, Delco's Career Counselor, can help.

The Career Center, located on the second floor of the Commons Building, offers many resources for worried or undecided students, and can help provide contacts for students looking to get ahead.

"We get a lot of calls and faxes from employers asking if we have any students that can work for them," Ms. Bryant said. "We put a lot of emphasis on internships and co-op programs."

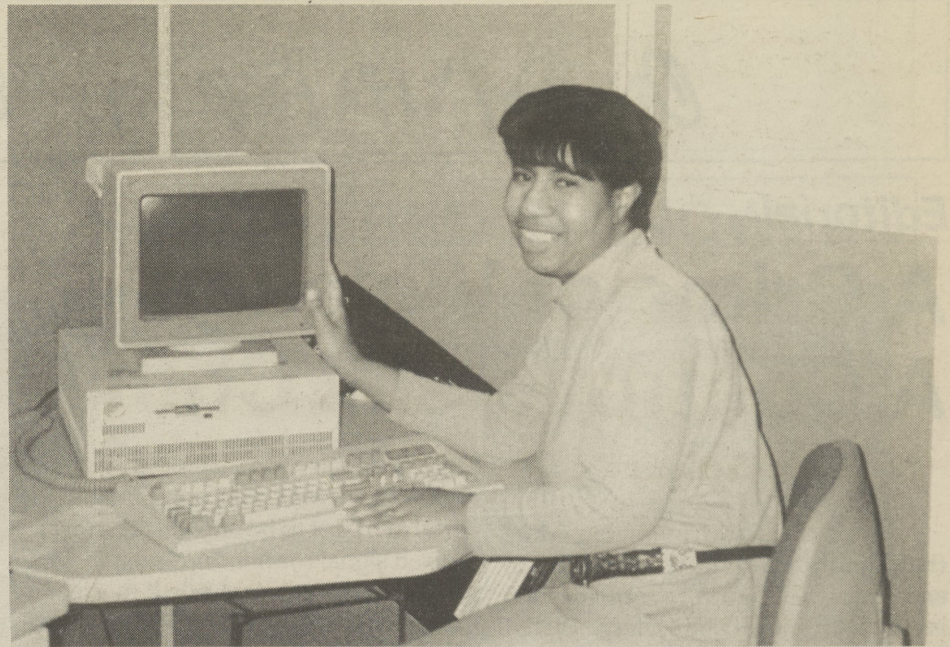
Some of the services the Career Center offers include: helping

undecided students choose a career path, uncovering employment opportunities, supplying resume counseling, giving career aptitude tests, and illuminating connections between intended majors and the real work world.

Lois Karan, fourth semester telecommunications major, finds the Career Center is a great help. "Mrs. Bryant is helping me with my resume, and she's helping me find internships," Lois said. "She's gone out of her way to help research my opportunities."

While Mr. Virgil Perry is on Active Duty in Germany providing support for troops in Bosnia, Dr. Sam Spencer and Mr. Dan Quigley will assist in staffing the Career Center.

Students should contact Ms. Sharmon Bryant in room 209 of the Commons Building to take advantage of the Career Center's services.



Ms. Sharmon Bryant, career counselor, prepares to research job opportunities for students on the "Discover" terminal. Photo by Greg Jurkowski

The Big Picture

CCSG Provides Political Forum For SGA Statewide

By Greg Jurkowski

On the weekend of February 7 through 9, SGA officers Mike Hyde (President), Tom Flynn (Asst. Vice President), Pauline Ferzetti (Secretary), and Brian Budzinski (Public Relations Officer) traveled to University Park. The purpose of their trip wasn't to visit friends or to party at their favorite fraternity, but to take part in the Council Of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG).

The CCSG is a gathering of the student government officers from all of the Commonwealth campuses and student representatives of University Park. They come together to discuss and to vote upon issues which affect the branch campuses. Two main issues were presented at this past CCSG meeting.

The first issue was the decision of Dr. Graham Spanier (President of Penn State) on how to appropriate the computer fee from which each student pays to use the computers of their campus. In the past, the computer fee of each student in the Penn State system was sent to University Park and collected into one account. From that account the money was then

distributed to each campus proportionally, based on which campuses needed the most money. Dr. Spanier decided, through executive order, that all of the money collected from students at a particular campus will go to that campus.

The second issue brought up was the creation of Campus Scheduling Committees. This idea was voted into effect unanimously. The basic idea behind the Scheduling Committee is to assist students in the scheduling of courses. It will be made up of the campus administration, faculty and students, consisting of the Campus Registrar, Director of Academic Affairs, Director of Student Affairs, College Representatives, Department Heads, interested faculty, and Student Government Representatives.

It is hoped that, through input from the general student populace, scheduling conflicts such as overlapping courses and the unavailability of courses will be alleviated. The Committee will be able to see which courses are in high demand and be able to change meeting times of those courses as well as creating more sections of courses.

Transfer Program Provides Help For Those On The Move

By Beaty Broughton

"The Minority Transfer Program is a retention effort provided for students of color to persist and pursue their education to graduation," said Loretta Ramsey, diversity counselor and the coordinator of the Transfer Program to University Park for PSU Delco campus.

With its advantages, the program became well known and now encompasses seven campuses. "Each year we have seen the program grow in the number of participants," said Ramsey. "This will be my fourth year with the Transfer Program."

"The participants visit University Park for a weekend." As soon as the students arrive, the work begins. "Students arrive on Friday night and participate in a workshop," Ramsey explained. "Saturday is filled with more workshops, meeting with a minority representative to discuss their

academic goals, become acquainted with other students from various campuses, and gaining experience in college life. Students also have the opportunity to participate in weekend social activities."

All this helps the student to adjust to a new environment, one that will become a part of their routine the following semester.

The Equal Opportunity Program Committee (EOPC) provides financial support for the Transfer Program, as well as other culturally diverse programs, that enhance the awareness and appreciation of underrepresented groups.

The Minority Transfer Program has met its goal. It makes the transition from a small campus to a large campus comfortable. Most importantly, it supports students as they continue with their education to be successful and graduate.

'Penn In Hand' Invades Delco

By Lisa Colucci

Delco's literary magazine, *Penn In Hand*, came out on Friday, February 16; it is a collection of poems, essays, short stories, political analyses, and random art work.

This issue of *Penn In Hand*, which is thirty-two pages long, consists of four artists and over twenty writers. *The Lion's Eye* staff, along with Barbara Daniel, were in charge of picking and choosing which submissions were to be published.

Penn State Delaware County Campus went without a literary magazine for a very long time. When Nick Felici came to Delco, he decided that it was time to bring it back, flavored with his own fresh ideas.

"I believe that the *Penn In Hand* literary magazine has spawned a great deal more interest than most people first expected, including myself," said Nick Felici, fourth semester, Liberal Arts-English major. "Dr. Sorkin's English 50 class is required to submit pieces of their work to *Penn In Hand*. This is a helpful contribution to the magazine. I was pleasantly surprised that something I created, with the help of students and faculty on campus, is now a part of a collegiate course."

"I never knew that there was such talent on this campus; I was really impressed with the creativity and depth of the authors", said Mary Doolittle, second semester, Philosophy major.

Submissions for the next issue of *Penn In Hand* are being accepted now until March 18. The next issue will hopefully be out in time for Litapalooza, which takes place April 17. Litapalooza will take place at several stations around Delco. It will consist of random acts of poetry by our students and special guest speakers.

Seven hundred copies of the most recent issue of *Penn In Hand* are floating around Delco. They are available in both the Main building and the Commons building.

Latino Events

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month. Featured presentations include: *Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands* (Thursday, March 14, 2:30-5:00 pm, 101 Main), and *Like Water for Chocolate* (Tuesday, March 19, 10:00-11:30 am, 112 Vairo).

Other events scheduled are Taco Day (Thursday, March 14, 11:30 am, Student Lounge Main), and a Women's Commission Luncheon (Thursday, March 21, 11:30 am, Conference Room Commons) which will feature special Latin American food, music performances and art displays. Additional music performances will be presented by Juan Avila on March 25, 6:00-7:30 pm, 101 Main.

The times and locations of the events are subject to change. For more information regarding these programs, call Connie Kirker at 892-1415.



Jermaine Kennard (second semester, DUS) talks with his mentor Mr. Fred Purcell during the opening luncheon at the Minority Career Mentoring Program.