

New Class Available In Spring

By Christina Papa

This spring Penn State Delco is offering a new course. Religious Studies 121, which will be taught by Dr. Bruce Stephens, takes a look at Jesus as presented in the synoptic gospels — Matthew, Mark, and Luke. These three gospels are very similar in their accounts of Jesus' life, hence the name synoptic. The gospel of John, which is somewhat different from the other three, will also be studied.

The focus of the course is "how these portraits of Jesus as a historical figure are similar and different," according to Dr. Stephens, Director of Religious Studies.

Students will learn about who Jesus was, what his message was, and how scholars come to conclusions about him. The study will also go beyond just Biblical accounts. It will consider the role of Jesus in history, such as in the church, the Middle Ages, the 19th century, and the present. Jesus will also be compared and contrasted with founders of other religions, such as Buddha, Mohammed, and Confucius.

Religious Studies 121 will meet Mondays Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 11:30-12:20.

How To Get Your Grades

By Mail

Any degree student who wants a copy of his/her fall 1996 semester grades mailed home may put in a request at the Registrar's Office, 101 main. Requests are being taken through the last day of classes.

There is also a new OASIS screen, found from the main menu, that permits a student to check (and if necessary correct) the home address and request that a copy of the current semester grade report be mailed to that home address.

By Telephone

Students may call 1-800-876-0354 to receive their semester grades. Fall part-semester grades will be available beginning October 26, 1996. Information is updated each Wednesday through December.

Kermit Does The Macarena

By David Metcalf

It is finally the end of the semester. Time to relax and unwind. Time to sit back, put your feet up and do the Macarena.

The SGA is presenting the 1996 Winter Ball on Friday, December 6 from 8:30 pm to 1:00 am at the Ramada Inn in Essington. The tickets cost \$20 for a stag ticket and \$30 for a couple.

As at any PSUDC function, food will be served in the form of hors d'oeuvres in buffet style. Music will be spun by DJ Kermit who plays a wonderful variety of tunes, unlike other DJ's at past functions.

The SGA has reserved a block of twenty rooms. The cost is \$59 for a double or a single and \$10 for each additional person. These rooms are at special cost, so reserve one ASAP. Call the hotel at 800-277-3900.

This Ball is semi-formal, so ladies should wear dresses and gentlemen a tie and jacket.



Students enjoy their own food after making their contributions to the homeless at the OXFAM Banquet.

Service Corps Members Make A Big Difference

By Johanna Licciardello

The Service Corps is pleased to announce two volunteers this month who stand out as going above and beyond their call of duty as members of this campus. Nicole Memmo and Darlene Watkins have proven invaluable to the Service Corps during the past semester.

Nicole and Darlene both showed outstanding initiative in planning a fund-raiser for Habitat for Humanity on "Make a Difference Day," a nationwide volunteer unity effort on October 26, 1996. These Service Corps members spent many hours soliciting wonderful donations from vendors at the Granite Run Mall to be won by purchasing a chance for a two dollar donation to Habitat.

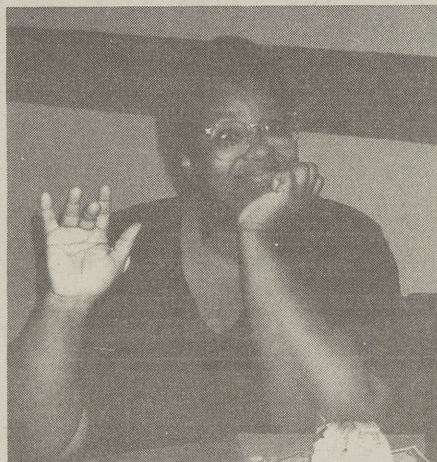
Their labor was indeed fruitful, as \$160.00 was raised on Make a Difference Day and presented to the West Philadelphia chapter of Habitat for Humanity on November 11, 1996, following the lecture about Habitat in the Lion's Den that day at common hour.

Nicole Memmo is a freshman who serves as the Vice President of the Service Corps. Since the time of her involvement in this club, she has participated in the construction of a Chester home with Habitat for

Humanity. She has also been involved in Moss Rehabilitation's Blue Jean Day fund-raiser, which was held on October 23, 1996. Along with other Service Corps members, Nicole sold many buttons to benefit individuals who have sustained brain injuries by awarding them scholarships to Einstein's Moss Rehabilitation. Nicole was co-chairman of the Oxfam banquet committee and worked hard to present this hunger awareness event on November 21.

Darlene Watkins, an adult student on campus, was elected publicity chairman of the Service Corps in the middle of the semester. Darlene has since been busy with the holiday clothing and personal items drive to benefit the St. Francis Inn, a soup kitchen in Kensington which serves food and clothing to those who otherwise would go cold and hungry. Darlene is also planning to invite speakers to our campus to promote awareness of service sites such as the Special Olympics throughout the spring semester.

Congratulations to Darlene and Nicole for their successful hard work this semester. They are examples of students making a difference in our world's future directly through their actions today.



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Nicole Memmo, vice president of the Service Corps, has participated in building homes in Chester for Habitat for Humanity.

BUY YOUR TICKETS; VOTE FOR ROYALTY

This year's Winter Ball at the Ramada Inn on December 6 will feature the selection of a King and Queen. When you buy your tickets, select from:

Women's Court

April Best
Ottrina Bond
Lindsay Braceland
Lisa Colucci
Meredith Daniels
Mary Doolittle
Selena Gudknecht
Eileen Miliken
Amy Styer
Cora Surratt

Alternates

Marie Cras
Michelle Hemple
Kevin Dorian
Dawei Yin

Men's Court

Armen Bezdikien
Pat Conboy
Mike Doweling
Walt Ent
Mike Guille
Chris Hamalak
Jay Mills
Mike Pralle
Andy Scherff

PSU Reflects On "Climate Of Respect"

By JoAnne Johnson

Delco will hold its third annual off-campus retreat on January 30, 1997 at Oberod Conference Center in Delaware.

The on-going theme of the retreats have been, "Build a Climate of Respect." The past two years specifically focused on cultural diversity and sexual orientation diversity, respectively.

There will be a pre-retreat sharing session held in the near future. This session invites everyone to talk about where the campus stands on diverse issues, and what everyone would like to see it become. This session will decide the focus for 1997's retreat.

The retreat itself includes around sixty people, three-fifths of which are students. Staff and faculty members aid in the small group discussions. Professors will most likely recommend that students attend. There will also be a keynote presentation from an outside speaker. Attendants gave rave reviews over speakers Andie Mozenter and Terrell Jones, who were guests from past presentations. Small groups will be divided for discussion and goal setting, amplifying the respectful aura that will hopefully be transfused to the whole campus community.

The discussions will be taking an appreciative inventory, or as Student Life Coordinator Barbara Daniel put it, "A technique where students talk about positive visions of where they want this campus to be." Justin Mayfair, who attended the gathering last year, commented, "We went in not knowing anything, and came out knowing ourselves and each other better."

Take Advantage — Study Abroad

By Daniel J. Abbondi

Education, especially in recent years, has come to mean more than reading texts and attending lectures.

An increasing demand is being made on students and job applicants to offer an employer or graduate school something extra, not just a degree.

In order to obtain that "special something," you could take several paths. Putting an extra year or two in a double major program or receiving a second degree is an option. Or how about learning a second or even third language?

Another option is the study abroad programs offered here at Penn State. Unbelievable as it may sound, a student can study in another country, pay virtually the same tuition as at Penn State, and receive credit for doing it.

Participating in one of the programs could mean a semester in France, Germany or even somewhere as far away as Africa. Students can take advantage of myriad study abroad programs offered. Or students can spend an entire semester in London with Penn State Delco's exclusive program with Thames Valley University.

If a semester seems too long, there are several short term programs. Go to Barcelona, Spain, for the New

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