

## Three Months of Freedom After Months of Stressin'

By Lisa Colucci

As the Spring Semester of 1997 comes to a close, students are trying to figure out what they want to do for the next three months before the stress rush rolls back in August. A few people may be bashing around London, and some may even swim the English Channel, but students at Delco have more practical things in mind.

Seth Brunner (4th semester, history) will be coaching youngsters at a soccer clinic for William Penn School District, while Ben Craddock, (4th semester, civil engineering) will be "just bumming around".

"I will be working all summer in Sea Isle City, NJ," said Sharon Desimone (4th semester, agriculture). Many other students will be doing the same sort of thing. Eileen Milliken, (2nd semester, business) will be working in the Delco area and heading to the shore on weekends.

Along with all of the students hitting the party scene, Shawn Donahue (2nd semester, LA) will be "drinking like a fish". This activity is

in celebration of a long year finally over.

A lot of people work as camp counselors during the summer. Some will offer services at PSU Delco for the C.L.A.S.P. program for youngsters from Chester, and others will travel. Cora Surratt (4th semester, art) will be a camp counselor in Greenwich, CT, and Jill Callahan (2nd semester, finance) will be "working at a camp for tots in Avalon, NJ."

One interesting summer experience will be had by Mark Eisele (4th semester, DUS) "I will be an intern at Woods Hole in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, studying Marine Biology." And then there is Margie Henry (2nd semester, communications) who will be doing what many college students do during the summer. "I will be working to help pay for my education here at Penn State."

So whether you're swimming the English Channel or just the Atlantic Ocean, make the most of your summer break because classes start again on August 27.



Megan McCormick and Ron Balleck (second semester, Education) take advantage of the warm weather by spending time outdoors on campus.

## Delco Hosts Summer Programs

By Audie Miller

Penn State Delco has a lot going on this summer. The Learning Center is offering several summer programs, along with the summer Chance and Bridge programs. These programs are being set up to help students get oriented before attending college and succeed during their collegiate careers.

From May through August the Learning Center, located in 109 Vairo, will offer: the "30 Hour Program", which helps boost new students' skills in math and English; "Project Success", a program for students from Chester High School and Chester Academy to build skills through the use of projects; and "Keep on Rising", a new program for rising college sophomores aimed at retaining students in the University by keeping them involved in campus during the summer. These programs are directed by Norma Notzold, Learning Assistance Coordinator, and about 200 students take part. They are a great idea for anyone trying to get the best out of their college experience.

The Summer Chance and Bridge programs are also aimed at getting and keeping students in college. The Chance Program, headed by coordinator, Virgil Perry, is designed for rising high school seniors. The program targets about 15 high schools in the Delaware, Chester, and Philadelphia counties. The program targets groups underrepresented on

campus, including African Americans, Latino Americans, Asian Americans, and Native Americans. Students enrolled in this program receive three college credits for reading development and they will explore careers with guest speakers and projects. There are fifteen slots for students to fill.

The Bridge Program is a college enrichment program "designed for students of color to ease their transition," according to Coordinator Loretta Ramsey, Retention Counselor. Many of the students come from urban areas and are first generation college students.

The students enrolled take six credits in the program, including a Freshman Seminar class and another course selected by them from the second summer session. The program motivates students through tutoring, counseling, and cultural activities.

"The students become campus leaders through the support they receive," Miss Ramsey explained. This program is so successful that many other campuses have requested similar programs at their respective schools.

Penn State Delco is interested in developing and guiding future success stories. The Learning Center and the Chance and Bridge programs are attempting to foster exemplary students through tutoring, advising, and one-on-one contact during the semester.

## Sunny Days Bring Hot Spots, Heated Events, and Seashells

By Cynthia Moore

Are you uncertain about your plans for the summer? Maybe you've thought about the Jersey shore or the Pocono mountains, or perhaps you haven't even gotten that far. Since school is almost out for the summer, here are some options to help you make up your mind.

Several students at Penn State Delco head "down the shore", from Memorial Day until August 27, when school starts up again. Megan Lipton (2nd semester, art history), has spent every summer of her life in Avalon, where her family has a beach house. She suggested, "People should come down for the weekend. Even if they don't have a vacation home to stay at, they can get a motel room for the night". Atlantic City is always a hot spot to be during the summer. Along with casinos there are also night clubs within walking distance. On North Carolina Blvd., there is a very

happening gay club called Studio 6.

Another option, for those with less money and even less time, is staying local. Some exciting events happening this summer are concerts at the Water front, and the Electric factory. In June The *Dave Matthews Band* is coming to Philadelphia; tickets are still available. Also, there are some great events at Penns Landing in Philadelphia. For even closer entertainment, check out Rose Tree Park. All summer long there are outdoor events, including fireworks on the 4th of July and a magic show in June.

If H2O is what you want to get drenched in, try a local water park. One very cool place is right around the corner in Aston, called Family Fun Spot. There they offer miniature golf, race car driving and a couple fast water slides.

Whatever you decide to do, have a safe and wonderful summer!

## Courses Offered in Summer To Get Ahead or Catch Up

By Ryan Dougherty

Have you noticed a sudden surge in your free time? Need a few more credits in order to make it up to University Park? Just want to get a tough class out of the way? If so, a summer class or two may be your answer.

Penn State Delco offers three sessions of summer classes, two which last six weeks and one that lasts eight weeks and overlaps the other two. Registration for sessions one and three ends May 9, while registration for session two ends June 20. An interested student can register for summer classes the same way as any other semester.

Students are encouraged to consult with their advisor to discuss the courses. A completed registration form should be dropped off at the registrar's office (105 Main), and phone registration is available (892-0600).

Occasionally, however, a class is canceled due to a lack of enrollment.

A wide range of classes are available, from chemistry to tennis and everything in between. One class that can be taken is Cultural Anthropology, which focuses on the beginnings of human culture. Another class of interest is English 202D, Business Writing, which covers the writing of memorandums and resumes and fulfills a General Education requirement. These are just examples— all types of courses are available.

Brian Williams (2nd semester, LA) feels that "summer courses are great because the pace is more relaxed and you don't have such a high credit load to worry about".

In other words, if you are dreading the day that you have to schedule a tough class in your major, maybe taking it in the summer would make things easier.

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