



Dr. Markley discusses a question about Mythology after class with senior Audie Miller. Photo by B. Ray

Diverse Clubs on Campus Boost School Spirit

By Rachael Fetterman

If you're a new student on the campus, like myself, or even a returning student simply looking for a good time, you would be surprised to discover how much there is to do around here. Delco has a tremendous variety of clubs that you can take part in, if you choose. A freshmen, Trushal Chudasama, expressed an interest in several clubs at Delco and said, "There are so many clubs to join, I'm just not sure which ones to do."

Probably the most prominent of these clubs is the Student Government Association (SGA). This student-elected group meets with all the clubs presidents and other interested students every other Monday at 12:30 p.m., in room 112 Vairo. Check the calendar/handbook for exact dates.

Raquel Arredondo, Student Services Specialist at Delco, praises these meetings, "It's a great way for students to interact with advisors, faculty and other students," and it's an, "opportunity to be informed...and to have a say." At these meetings, which are open to the entire campus, all the clubs at Delco converge, each one reports their plans and the SGA conducts its business.

Many other exciting clubs are

available to students at Delco. The Adult Student Organization provides encouragement to adults enrolled in Penn State University. Also, many ethnic and cultural groups are active, such as: Asian-American Student Caucus, Black Student League, Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual Friends Alliance, Muslim Student Association, Nittany Christian Fellowship and Multicultural Club.

Service organizations and clubs of interest to certain majors include the Communications Club, Engineering Club, Keystone Club, Lion's Eye newspaper, and the Lion Ambassadors. Helen Walker, a sophomore studying psychology, is president of the Lion Ambassadors and said, "There is a lot of diversity here on campus. I feel these clubs are essential to the student body of the Delco Campus."

Some clubs that can enhance your interest in a specific area or open you up to a new type of activity include the Cheerleading Club, Cinema Club, Karate Club, and the Lion's Globe Drama Group.

If you are interested in joining any of the clubs at Delco, or want information about starting a new club, contact Raquel Arredondo in Room 138 Commons, call (610) 892-1207, or email at rma1@psu.edu.

Understanding PSU Costs

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The computer fee, contrary to popular belief, does not purchase computer hardware alone. Rather, "slightly over half the fee is earmarked to maintain Penn State's mainframe computer systems, like OASIS (Open Access to Student Information Systems), and to fund student access accounts. The rest stays on campus and is used to purchase new computers and upgrade software," says Barbara Daniel, Coordinator of Student Life. This fee is also assessed on a per-credit basis, with a flat fee of \$75 for full-time students.

You'll also notice an Activities Fee on your bill. "The purpose of the activities fee is to enhance student life," says Jeff Wirth, financial officer at Penn State. The fee goes toward funding speakers at the campus, events not sponsored by other on-campus organizations, and the like. The activities fee for full-time Fall 1997 students is \$25.



Enjoying their favorite spot on campus are (l. to r.) Sandy Sarosy (third, education), Stephanie Vens (first, HHD), Joe Hurky (first, DUS), Missy DeLuca (first, education), Erin Clarke (first, DUS).

Down-to-Earth Professor

By B. Ray

In its never ending quest to search high and low for the most qualified instructors, Penn State reached down south and brought to us one of its native sons, Dr. Arnold A. Markley.

"I've always been intrigued by city life, coming from the south, and I enjoyed the time I spent in Philadelphia in the past." (He spent a year of his post-graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania) "This job was a perfect fit, what I taught was what they wanted."

So with his one-eyed, deaf Australian Shepherd in tow, he bid adieu to his native North Carolina and made his way north, to Delaware County.

Armed with a bachelors degree from Guilford College in Greensboro, NC, and a doctorate from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Dr. Markley began teaching at this campus in the spring semester of 1996. Now in his third semester, his teaching assignments include freshman to senior level English classes, and this springs hardest-to-get-into course, Classical Mythology 45. (They had to move to a bigger classroom after the first day of class)

Though he is well versed in the material he teaches, Dr. Markley still thinks he has a lot to learn in the classroom, from the students that is.

"I have to admit I'm still adjusting my style a little bit," he said in his patented southern gentleman voice. "I find myself lecturing a lot and I don't always think that is the best form of teaching. I'd like to try to get the students to talk more, to get more involved, to learn from each other as well as me. There are also times that I try to watch what I say so as not to offend anyone. Some of what I teach to deals with things like homosexuality and suppressing women's rights. I try to word my lectures so that my students know I didn't write these words, I'm just interpreting them."

Though he realizes the nature of some of his readings can offend when taken out of context, don't plan on seeing him teaching a math class anytime soon.

"Despite the sometimes touchy subject matter in class, I do have to admit I am very fond of what I teach, and I think there is so much to learn from them. I guess it's inevitable to hear a laugh or a snicker once and a while, but these are classic writings and I really hope people can look past the words on the page and find more in depth meaning to them. I want people to find their own questions (in the writings) and bring them to me, in class or in private, wherever they feel comfortable. I want them all to know how approachable I am. There are no dumb thoughts or questions."

As dedicated as he is to his teaching, Dr. Markley does, as any teacher, spend time pursuing his own hobbies. Admittedly not a socialite, he does enjoy mountain biking, cooking, film, and the theatre. He also took a mid-September trip to England to present a paper at a conference for the two-hundredth birthday of Mary Shelly, the English author whom he does most of his writing and publishing about.

Other interests aside, he still admits teaching is what he wants to do.

"I love it. My philosophy is that the students are the class. I'm here for them and not vice-versa. I want them to learn to express themselves to the best of their ability. I want them to see what a novel can do for them, not just for credit, but in life. When people find their own questions, they look harder for the answers. I'm just here to guide them through it."

And the students who have had him agree.

"He's the man," said F.J. Paul (4th semester, English). "It was a little intimidating at first because he seems so young, but when you actually talk to him you can tell that this is a person who is very passionate and knowledgeable and knows what he's talking about. Eventually I caught myself talking to him more like a buddy at times because he is pretty down-to-earth and in touch with what it takes to go to school today. I mean he was in a classroom not too many years ago right? I think he's a great teacher, and we're lucky to have him."

Even his dog should be able to see that.

Favorite Local Hangouts for PSU Delco Students

By Kathey Carroll

Before Penn State Delco became the beautiful campus it is today, the land was a farm full of apple trees and wildlife. The original apple trees have died off, but were replaced to supply apples for the deer that roam the area and for the students to snack on.

Freshman Bill Blackburn, a Liberal Arts major, enjoys hanging out on the benches under the trees because, "it is peaceful, tranquil and relaxing. Also I can watch the construction of the new building."

While it is a beautiful sight to see the deer on campus, Dr. John Ousey, Associate Professor of Earth and Mineral Science, warns, "be careful of the ticks."

Dr. Ousey adds some interesting information about the creek running through the campus. It got its nickname the "Rio Delco" about 25 years ago when one of the students joked about the stream. The Rio Delco isn't the only water source here on

campus. A spring house is near the main building where the woods begin, and numerous springs are evident along the banks of the stream.

While some are drawn to the natural aspects of the campus, others enjoy the social places that are offered. George Pettit, a freshman majoring in Accounting, prefers to spend his time in front of the Commons building between classes. He prefers this area because there are, "lots of trees and lots of people."

It is easy to see that there is virtually no place on campus where students aren't relaxing. Sophomore Shawn Donohue, a Liberal Arts major, prefers to hang out in the parking lots. He likes spending time there because he has found it to be the "most secluded" place he can find on campus.

No matter where on campus you hang out, where the natural beauty is or where the people are, you are bound to find some classmates relaxing and enjoying their free time.