

Something for Everyone

By Christina Papa

"Volunteering is a great way to further your experiences at Penn State," said Anthony Mariani (first semester DUS). And Penn State Delco has plenty of ways in which to make that experience happen.

The VSC (Volunteer Service Center) is located in room 137 of the Commons building, right across from the weight room. Director Nicole Memmo works together with Melissa Martin, Service Corps president, and Lela Bragg, CLASP director to run Penn State Delco's three volunteer organizations. All three girls are third semester education majors.

The purpose of the VSC is to give Penn State students an excellent opportunity to "get involved and make the world a little better for those who are in need." The Center's goal is 100% awareness and 10% involvement. The VSC is run entirely by students, so any student who wishes to get involved is encouraged to stop by the office.

"We don't want students to be intimidated by the office. We want to get students involved so it becomes our office and not just mine," said Director Nicole Memmo.

"Intimidated" is the last adjective that comes to mind when someone is inside the VSC office, as the walls are covered with artwork, motivational pictures, and sayings.

The VSC is home to the Service Corps, which does everything from Habitat for Humanity to the March of Dimes. The Service Corps is open to suggestions and students' interests.

"We try to open enough opportunities to fit everyone's needs. If we are missing anything, I want

students to let me know," said president Melissa Martin.

On Saturday, September 6, the Service Corps sponsored a free car wash that raised almost \$500.00 from donations. Half of it went to the American Cancer Society in the name of Penn State Delco's biology professor, Dr. Jane Cooper, and the other half went to the Community Leadership After School Program.

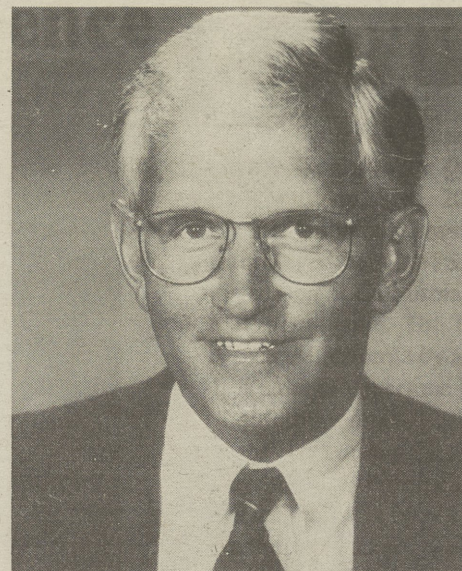
CLASP is a tutoring program started by members of the Service Corps in the fall of 1995. Penn State volunteers go after school to the Chester area and tutor children from grades kindergarten to high school.

"Education majors are encouraged to tutor these children," says VSC Director Nicole Memmo. "I was a nursing major who never had any thoughts of teaching. The Service Corps needed tutors so I helped out. I changed my major to education because of these kids."

Over the summer, CLASP teamed up with the Rocky Run YMCA and held its second annual camp here on campus. In the mornings, the children came and worked on academic material, and in the afternoon they teamed up with the Y for athletics and games. At the end of the 4-week camp the children performed in a talent show.

"I feel the Service Corps has helped me gain a greater appreciation for helping those who are less fortunate," said Jamie Schreiber (third semester LAS).

There is something for everyone at the VSC, and anyone who is interested can e-mail Nicole Memmo at nxm173@psu.edu.



Retired U.S. Congressman Steve Gunderson to speak at Delco October 7.

Delco Speakers

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message of pride throughout the country. "Every day, pride in self and school must be reinforced. Every day, the value of academics must be demonstrated," said Clark. On September 16, Clark proved to everyone that he deserves his Speaker of the Year nomination by giving a powerful, dramatic speech to all in attendance.

All presentations will take place during common hour in the main lounge. A brochure detailing these speakers is available in the library, Student Life office, and the bookstore. This is the first year Delco is offering the formal speaker series. If you are in need of some mind expanding ideas, come out and support this year's speakers.

Research? Leave It to LIAS

By Justin Hrebiniak

The campus library is among one of the most valuable places on campus. This is because there are many different things that students are able to learn there. One thing is from various workshops there. The LIAS workshops provide information about how to utilize the system, which connects the library here with libraries at other campuses. Ways to access the system include by modem, or by computers at laboratory locations. Workshops will be held throughout October. Dates include Oct. 1, 6, 7, and many others. See head

librarian for details on times of workshops. Also, ask at the front desk at the library for more information about personal appointments and personalized instruction.

LIAS is regarded highly by the library staff. As Susan Ware of the library staff puts it, "A LIAS workshop is a 50 minute investment that will pay off in every course that requires library research. Sign up for a LIAS workshop or complete the LIAS Tutorial on the world wide web at <http://www.psu.edu/lias/liashome.htm>. Students also agree that LIAS provides great help in their courses"

Hitch a Ride to Delco

By Christina Papa

"Can you take me to school?" "Can you give me a ride home?" These oh-so-familiar questions may be annoying (unless you're the one who's asking), but actually, carpooling can be effective in more ways than one.

Penn State Delco, in conjunction with the Delaware County Transportation Management Association, offers a variety of ways in which to "get to school." The Share-a-ride program produces a booklet containing the name of every Penn State student, listed by location. In this way, students are able to look up their names and immediately find other students who live nearby.

The TMA has also set up a vanpool using the campus van to transport students who live in the South Philadelphia area. The van will pick up each person in the morning, saving those students hours of time that would have otherwise been spent waiting for buses, trolleys, and the like. Student life wants to hear from any interested student who needs a ride to school via the van.

"We want to be as helpful to students in addressing their transportation needs as possible, and the TMA has been a good partner for us," said Barbara Daniel, Coordinator of Student Life.

Another helpful feature of this partnership is the Express route on SEPTA's 110 bus from 69th street to

campus, which saves twenty minutes. This convenient bus route is the result of negotiations among Delco, TMA, and SEPTA.

Like Penn State, many universities, companies, and small businesses are members of the TMA. Features of the Transportation Management Association include "Emergency Ride Home," which provides carpoolers a free ride home in the case of an emergency. The Commuters Choice Club consists of 15 different merchants in the Delaware County area, such as restaurants and dry cleaners, who give discounts to members. The Mobility Alternative Program provides vanpools, transportation fairs (in conjunction with SEPTA), and bicycle coalitions. Share-a-lot is made up of businesses who offer free parking spaces to those who carpool.

Stan Tussie, marketing and outreach coordinator for TMA, feels that many people have misconceptions that carpools have to be large.

"It can consist of two people," he said. "If you do it two or three times a week, that's plenty."

Not only does carpooling save on gas money and wear and tear on your car, but it also helps the environment by decreasing the amount of harmful fumes to the ozone layer.

Anyone who is interested in carpooling, vanpooling, or more transportation information can contact Student Life, second floor Commons.

At the Head of the Class

Joyce Rigby, campus registrar, recently announced that 2125 students were named to the Dean's List for Spring '97 semester.

In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must have achieved a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher for that semester.

The students honored for Spring '97 semester include:

Mariam M Abdel-Rahmen, Neil Alan Andersen, Edward Barron, Alicia Marie Baum, Kate Elizabeth Beavers, Paul Nathan Benson, Paddy Berner, E Atlantis Black, Kimberly Dawn Boeckem, Farah F Brown, Christopher Bulla, Steven Donald Burtson, Jill Marie Callahan, Todd Robert Campbell, Dana L Casey, Stuart Vorada Chester, Lui Cheung, Stephanie Anne Cole, Marie Christine Cras, Angela Dachi, Larisa Dakhis, Elizabeth Dalziel, Benson Daniel, Meredith Anne Daniels, Susan Carol DeRosa, Deanna Marie DiTullio, Natascha Kata Doeller, Ryan P Dougherty, Anthony T Drames, Susan Erle, Ali Fassih, Jeffrey M Finklestein, Stephanie Fitzgerald, James Anthony Foltz, Brian Michael Ford, Christina Genetti, Ellen Idaleen Goff, Mark William Gummel, James Halligan, Christopher M Hamalak, Brandon Lee Hamm, Christopher Alan Hamm, Matthew dsaniel Hayes, Brian C Henderson, Judy A Hendrikson, Panya Henry, Kevin G Hiester, Justin D Hrebiniak, Heather Hunt, Patrick Hutton, Tracey Lynn Jackson, Aman

Jalali, Sheri Lee Janos, Jessica Januzzi, Tara L Jenkins, Michelle Jones, Paayal Kadakia, Catherine Lau, Brian Paul Lauer, Joeseoph Thomas Laverty, Johanna Licciardello, Kristen Jo Lion, John Hnery Loro, Brian Steven Lott, Victoria T Marabito, Robert John Matthews, Lori Ann McClay, Dawn Lynn McDonald, Matthew McFarland, Andrea Lynn McHale, John McMonagle, Jillian McMullen, Christine M Mckeon, Kieran Mclaughlin, Lisa Renee Merkins, Noelle Marie Messina, Matthew Micsenyi, James J Mollica, Michael Montello, Colleen Montgomery, Melissa Anne Moran, Robert Allen Morrison, Danielle Murray, Hong Anh Nguyen, Joseph P O'Berg, Jophn J O'Hara, Melissa A Patrizio, Lori L Peacock, Shawn F Phillips, Hok Ly Pith, Phillip A Ponsolle, Matthew J Potter, Christine S Rackley, Christopher Reynolds, Laura C Rhoades, Robert Alan Rice, Heather Joy Riley, Amy Louise Robertson, David M Rosenberg, George N Scarino, Hope Daniel Schirling, Joyel Anita Scott, Anton Laroid Shuford, Nolan Thomas, Smith, Melissa Lynn Spallone, Keisha Dawn Spangler, Maureen A Stritzinger, Kathleen V Taylor, Christine D Thompson, Melissa Tiniakos, Herbert W Tomlinson, Anthony E Tresselt, Frany M Trivedi, Anthony Peter Tullio, William M Twaddle, Tina Marie Varallo, Marianne Weiss, Miki Laverne Whitney, Todd Carter Wilkins, Katherine D Wilson, Craig Courtney Wooten, Ian Douglas Zimmerman, Michael D Zimmerman.

Volleyball Season Starts

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losses to PSU Mont Alto and PSU York. However, the women rallied to avenge their defeats by beating PSU Abington, two games to one.

Team co-captain, Jen Polhemus remarked, "We are slowly but surely, working towards success. We are

playing hard, and once we achieve complete unity, the wins will be easier."

Everyone on the team agrees they will feel more comfortable playing with the home team crowd pumping them up. The ladies' first home tournament is on September 27, at 12:00 noon in the gym.