



Students can still smile even with upcoming exams.

New Spring '98 Courses Focus on African Culture

By Christina Papa

Every two years, the Penn State Delaware County Campus sponsors a cultural awareness semester, and the Spring 1998 semester will be on the Cultures of Africa.

This program will involve the whole campus, including faculty, staff, and students. African-American students will play a big part in planning the events, which will feature cultures such as the Sub-Saharan, East and North Africa and African-American.

This program started in 1992 with the cultures of Africa, then in 1994 it was the cultures of Asia and the Latino/Hispanic cultures were emphasized in 1996. Some of the courses that will be offered in conjunction with this program include:

Art History 130- African and African American Art. African/African American Studies 10- Blacks in the 20th Century. African/African American Studies 101- African American Women. Comparative Literature 003- Masterpieces of African Literature. English 139- Black American Literature. Integrative Arts 005- The Performing Arts of Africa. Music 007- The Evolution of Jazz.

John Brighton, the Provost of the University, will open the program here on Friday, January 30, 1998, with an address on "The Contribution of African Cultures

to the Pennsylvania State University."

Some of the events which will focus on African-American cultures will be: the International Cinema Festival, Visiting Scholars from Africa, and speakers from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, and area universities and colleges. These and other speakers will be sponsored by the Adult Student Organization, the Women's Commission, and other campus organizations.

Another highlight of the semester-long program will be the artist, Barthosa, Professor and Artist from Nigeria, who is currently teaching at Cheyney University. This artist will also be working in conjunction with area elementary schools, as well as some area high schools.

Many exhibits will be held throughout the semester as well, such as art exhibits, book exhibits, and photography exhibits. Then on April 30, there will be an Africa Festival and Market, which will include catered food as well as student-prepared food, and maybe even some live music.

Of course, the program would not be complete without field trips. On Saturday, January 24, there will be a field trip to Washington DC's Folgers Theater, and on Saturday, March 28, to New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History.

Faculty Busy Producing Papers, Articles, Funds

By Cynthia Moore

Faculty and staff members at Penn State Delco are accomplishing little known feats outside the classroom. Many professors have recently had papers published in journals and magazines. Other faculty have focused their energy on successfully attaining funds for the campus.

Two presentations were made at Ed-Media and Ed-Telecom 97 in Calgary last June by Nancy Wyatt, associate professor of speech communication. The first paper, which was co-authored by Douglas Harvey, focused on sexual harassment on the web page. The second presentation was influenced by the Project Vision speech class at Delco that centered around group uses of the electronic media.

Also in June, an article written by Lonnie Golden, assistant professor of economics was published in the *International Journal of Forecasting*. In his article titled, "Average Work Hours as a Leading Economic Variable in U.S. Manufacturing Industries," Golden brings up the important role Americans play in the world of finance.

Dr. Alita Kelley, assistant professor of Spanish and French, had several articles published in journals throughout 1997. Many of her articles focus on translations of Peruvian poetry. "I have recently published a collection of translations of the Peruvian poet Jose Watanabe and I have had my own poems included in a British anthology," Dr. Kelley said.

Dr. Kelley has also been awarded a grant for "Expanding our Students' Horizons: Making the International Learning Experience Accessible."

Barbara Daniel, student life coordinator, Norma Notzold, learning assistance coordinator, and John Terrell, business faculty member were successful in attaining funds for a new course. The project titled "Patterns for Success" which focuses on techniques to help raise students' grades in a required accounting course, and create a better atmosphere for learning, has been granted funding by the University's Fund for Excellence in Learning and Teaching.

For a better understanding of the articles mentioned, stop by the library and read what your professor has written.

Martin Luther King

Delco Hosts Celebrations

By Aaron Mixon

Who is Martin Luther King, Jr.? Do you know what he believed in or why he died?

In January, at the beginning of the Spring '98 semester, Penn State Delaware County will sponsor a series of commemorative events which celebrate the life and teachings of Dr. King.

On January 15, the day Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is observed, "Celebrate" King's birthday with a multimedia group through song and dance.

On January 19 "Learn" the beliefs of King through a presentation by U.S. Court Judge Louis H. Pollak. Pollak is a

graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School and a board member of both the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the Council of the American Law Institute.

On January 21 "Act" with a community service project on campus sponsored by the Volunteer Service Corps and the Black Student League.

All events take place during common hour. They are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

MLK was born in Sweet Auburn, Alabama, son of a Baptist minister. King graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia and later graduated from

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Paying for Your Bytes: Your Semester Bill at Work

By Justin Hrebiniak

What part of the semester bill goes to work each semester and is allocated by a special group within the campus? The computer fee. The fee follows a complex route, beginning with the charge to the individuals through those who decide where the charge should go, and ending up in improved services and equipment for students.

The process starts with the semester bill. Included in this is a \$75 charge, labeled "computer fee". Some of this charge goes to University Park to support e-mail and other Internet services, as well as OASIS. Some returns to our campus, to be allocated by a special committee, which is comprised of students and faculty. Students on the committee include Nicole Memmo, Michael Montello, David Kline, and Matthew Clower. Faculty and staff members include Matt Bodek, Jim Morgan, Jeff Worth, and Dr. Arya Ebrahimpour, and Dr. Nancy Wyatt, chairperson. The individuals on the committee ask people on campus what will be needed

during the academic year. A "to-do" list is then formed based on the suggestions of the faculty and students.

Guidelines are given to the computer committee from the Dean. First, the funds have to be spent for student needs. Second, students have to serve on the committee. Third, all funds have to be spent in one year; anything bought with computer fee funds will then be labeled "bought by computer fee". Finally, funds from the computer fee are not allowed to go toward faculty wages.

On October 30, the group decided that the funds should go toward a backup server and printer, as well as paper and printer cartridges for student labs.

"Student participation is particularly important for the success of the committee", said Dr. Nancy Wyatt. "The students are currently doing a responsible job".

Students seem to think that the computer fee is working. "I think that the fee is worthwhile", said Leto Wilson, a first semester, liberal arts student.

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