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New Building Offers Technology and Space

By Kelly Holmes

When asked his thoughts about the new building construction project on campus, Dr. George Franz, the Director of Academic Affairs at Penn State Delco said, "I can't wait! Not only is space needed, but the new building creates a new and exciting high-tech atmosphere to teach and learn. The first priority in moving to the new building will be the computer lab, to relieve the stress put on the other labs. Second, we will activate the classrooms and offices. Last will be the common area."

"With the new Classroom Building...we have the opportunity to reassign a variety of spaces within the existing buildings to more effectively use the existing space," said Dr. Franz.

The Classroom Building will contain the following academic areas: *Main Floor*: Study Lobby, Instructional Services, Computer Classroom(40 computers), Classroom (40 occupants), Classroom (60), Classroom (80). *Second Floor*: Office Suites, Engineering Lab, Seminar Room (25 occupant), Seminar Room (15), Two Seminar rooms (20), Classroom (80), Student Lounge.

Office suites will be for the following professors: Azemi, Baffoe-Bonnie, Barrett, De Souza, Kersnick, Ousey, Terrell, new business faculty, and staff assistant offices.

The Learning Center will be moved from the Vairo library to 203-204 Main. In addition, the Volunteer Service Center will move from the Athletic Center/Commons to room 204 Main and become a part of the Learning Center. The former Learning Center will become the Urban Education Resource Center. 105 Main, which contains registration, financial aid, bursar, and record services, will be re-configured to provide for a more congenial environment; easier traffic flow, and the creation of a permanent location for the ID camera(105B).

Since certain unexpected weather problems put a damper on the construction, the deadline for the finished product has been pushed back from the middle of June to the middle of August. Other problems arose as well. For example, new pipes for water and sewage have to be run. Along with the water goes the electricity. During Spring Break the school had a complete electrical shut down in order for PECO to create a new electrical system with a larger capacity for the new building. This campus was originally constructed for one building. It was able to support the other two structures built later, but not three.

Rather than schedule the classes for next fall to be held in the new building, the school has decided to do a gradual move. It is too risky to place a group of students in a building that is not complete. "We'd be biting our nails all summer long if we did that. What if the construction slowed down even further," said Mrs. Barbara Daniel, Student Life Coordinator.

The furniture is still being picked out by a committee for the new building. The walls in the main floor lobby look as if they were made out of different color pebbles. The architects call it "ground face rock." The floor is a dark gray tile. Wooden doors and green trim accent the space.

The lounge will provide a great relaxed atmosphere. It is a large area completely glassed in with a glossed black epoxy floor, wood benches, metal handrails, and wood trim with green accents. On the second floor, students can enjoy a vibrant red-walled lounge with black accents and a gray carpet. The windows are large and bright to create a sunny atmosphere. The entire look was picked out by the architect to provide a technological atmosphere to correspond throughout the building.



- Monday, April 6, 12:30-1:20 PM, Campus Cafeteria
- Wednesday, April 8, 12:30-1:20 PM, Lion's Den (Commons Building)



The new classroom building update photo artists rendering of the back view of the classroom building which includes a class lounge and patio facing the woods.

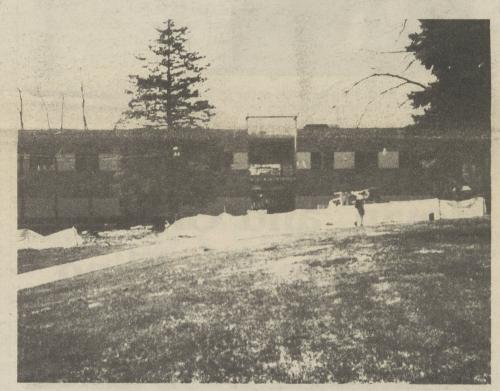


Photo by Kelly Holmes

Honors for Top Students

By Aimee Stone The Penn State Delaware County Campus will hold the annual Academic Honors Convocation for 1998, on Wednesday, April 15. The Honors Convocation has been recognizing Delco honor students for the past fifteen years. The Convocation will honor the recipients of campus-awarded scholarships, and University-wide awards, and students who made the Dean's List. "We will also announce the 1998 Outstanding Teacher Award," said campus Director of Academic Affairs, Dr. George Franz, "and for the first time, the Madlyn Hanes Award."

Karen Waters, (undecided, second semester) is one of the recipients for the Dean's List honor. "I was really happy and surprised to know I made the Dean's List. I can't wait for the convocation, or my parents." The Convocation will commence at 7:30pm in the library. Dr. Edward Tomesko, campus CEO, will present the Outstanding Teacher Award, Dr. Arnold Marckley, Honors Coordinator, will give the honors awards, and Dr. Franz will announce all scholarship recipients.

- Inursday, April 9, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM, Student Lounge (Main Building)
 II. Off-Campus Retreat: "Building a Climate of Respect"
 - Monday, April 13, 8:45 AM-4:00 PM Media-Providence Friends Meeting House, Media, PA

Join the Celebration of Spring Week – PSU Style

By Paul Basilio

"I loved it last year," raved Mike Walker (3rd DUS). "It was a great chance to get out some of my aggression that had built up over the semester."

The SGA-sponsored Spring Week is back again, with exciting events from start to finish. Simultaneously, the Volunteer Service Corps will be sponsoring activities for National Volunteer Service Week.

On Monday, April 20, the SGA will welcome"Paul Plays It All" to campus. This musician is a one- man band who has done successful shows at Delco before. The Service Corps will also promote advocacy for the University through a letter writing campaign.

On Tuesday, a female comedian arrives. No word yet on who it will be. The Volunteer Center will give members of the campus community the opportunity to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless.

Wednesday brings Earth Day celebrations. Vendors selling "earthy" products will be present and many prizes can be won. The SGA is looking into planting a tree, according to (Continued on page 8). The Madlyn Hanes Award will be given this year for the first time. The award is named for Hanes, Delco's previous DAA. All the money for this award was donated by the Delco staff and faculty.

Those that will receive honors should have been notified by mail. The recipients for the scholarships have been chosen and were notified during the first week of this month. Congratulations to all who have earned campus honors and scholarship awards.

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