

# Summertime at Delco

## Volunteer Center Seeks Students For CLASP '98

By Rob Coyle

"One hundred years from now it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much was in my bank account, nor what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child."

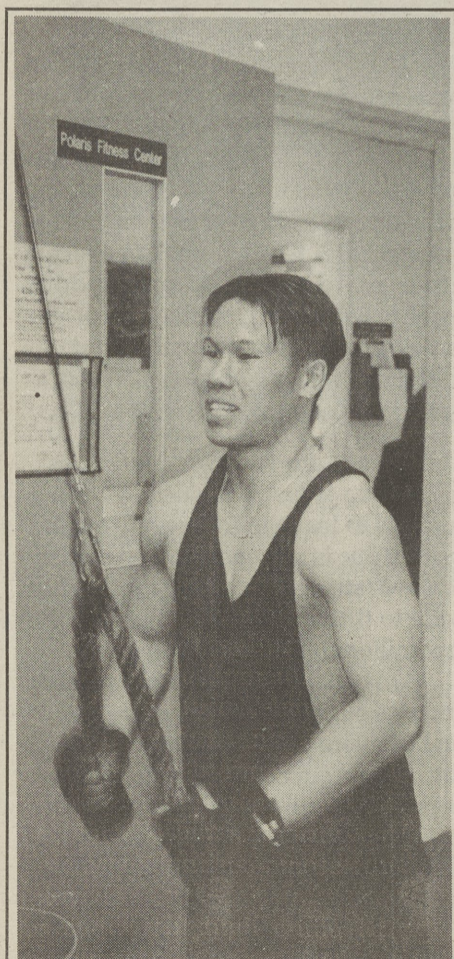
-Community Leadership After School Program (CLASP) 1998

Summer is right around the corner. Maybe some old high school friends are already getting prepared to come home. Soon the beaches will be full and the bikinis will be prominent. But the summer is long, and after awhile even getting drunk at a friend's beach house is going to grow old. Why not give some of your time this summer to a child who desperately needs it?

The Community Leadership After School Program (CLASP), in conjunction with the White Rock Christian Church and the Salvation Army, needs your help this summer. A camp will be run to benefit learning disabled children ranging from ages of 5 to 17 from the Chester - Upland school district area, and help is needed for planning, tutoring and running activities.

These children need guidance and mentoring that you could provide. The volunteers work with the teachers in the classroom with these children that have mild to serious learning disabilities.

Anyone that is interested in this most worthy cause can contact the Volunteer Service Center.



The weight room and fitness center will be open every day during Summer Sessions I and II.

**SUMMER SESSION I**  
May 11 - June 18  
1998



Learning Center staff plan for the Thirty Hour Summer Program over lunch in the cafeteria. (L to r): Pat Ellis, Kathy DeMarco, Norma Notzold, Debbie Ousey, Sharon Manco, and Jackie Judson.

## Chance, Bridge Programs Offer Summer Credits

Tracey Dinh

When the hustle and bustle of the regular school year comes to a close, Penn State Delaware County will still be alive with activity. Freedom and pleasurable weather do not tempt all students to abstain totally from academic life.

To meet the needs of this studious elite, Penn State Delco offers a variety of programs to empower future and present Lions. The programs being referred to are the Chance and Bridge Programs.

The Chance Program is offered to high school students of color entering their senior year. To be accepted into this program, they must have a strong GPA or at least show a determination to do well academically. When accepted, these students are funded for a three credit class during the summer at the campus. During the six week program, they learn about self-esteem, leadership, responsibility, and multiculturalism.

This is taught through a series of activities such as fieldtrips, seminars, lectures, meetings with alumni, teachers, and staff. This summer they will also possibly get a chance to work with a local radio station and attend different theatrical experiences.

The program will also prepare students for their upcoming SATs. The Program has enjoyed great success over the five years it has been active. As the name suggests, this program is designed to help high school students of color by easing the transition to college life. The campus gives them a "Chance" that "...exposes them to a world a lot of young people are in to," explains Chris Ridenhour, advisor for the Black Student League.

Another excellent summer opportunity, the Bridge Program, is offered to students of color that have

graduated from high school and are already enrolled in Penn State Delco for the fall semester. These students, chosen by their academics achievements, will have the opportunity to take two three-credit courses. One is a freshman seminar class that helps prepare students for problems that might occur during their college careers. Students can also elect to take either psychology or an introductory English class. Like the

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Chance Program, this one hopes soften the abrupt change from high school to college.

During the academic year, the Bridge Program is followed up by the Beyond Bridge program. This program provides leadership workshops, training programs, and any help students might need in continuing their studies.

The Transfer Program is the last program, available each Spring semester, offered to students of color before they move on to the main campus. The Transfer Program helps students in their adjustment to University Park. Students will visit University Park, meet with minority representatives, and learn about the different clubs offered there. Students get a chance to tour the main campus and consequently becoming more familiar and comfortable when they actually move there.

To learn more about these programs, students should visit the Office of Student Life, second floor Commons.

### - Summer Flick -

Imagine the world participating in a human lottery. These people want to win a spot in an underground bunker until an asteroid's destruction clears up. Or the human race will be extinct like the dinosaurs. *Deep Impact* opens in May.

## Student Leaders Are Sought For Orientation Day

By Ryan Boldosser

Looking for something to do this summer? Sign up as a Student Leader for the Freshman Orientation Program to be held Monday, August 24. Being a Student Leader is one way that you can share your knowledge and experiences of Penn State with incoming Freshmen.

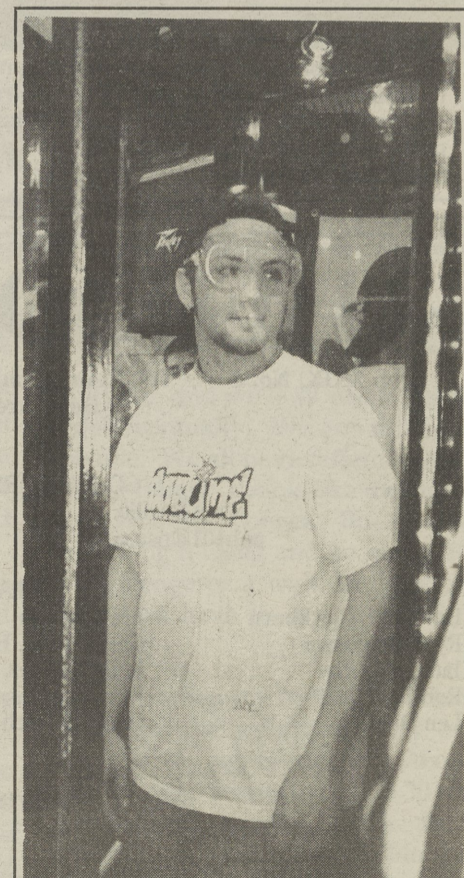
"There are two main reasons to participate in Freshman Orientation," commented Anton Shuford (outgoing SGA President, 4th semester, Comp. Science Engineer). "One is to share all the things that you as a student have learned that you weren't told," and the other, "is to give back to the administration what you received as a Freshman."

The program will include a session on "Personal Leadership 101" presented by the motivational group EmPower X. The program will be structured to prepare the incoming students for what they can expect and what will be expected of them in college.

"The summer orientation was really helpful for me just to get acquainted with the campus," said second semester freshman Rob Coyle.

In contrast Chris McKeon (4th semester, Urban Ed) does not feel that her Freshman orientation was a positive experience. "I went into orientation feeling confident about starting college life, but I left feeling intimidated and incompetent."

Whatever side of the fence you find yourself on, you can help make this year's orientation a success. See Raquel Arrendondo or any SGA officer in the Commons Building for more information on how to sign up.



Apparently dressed for snorkeling, but awaiting a "Blizzard of Bucks" windfall during Spring Week.

**SUMMER SESSION II**  
June 22 - July 30  
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