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Classroom Building Is Finally Completed

By Aaron Mixson

Campus construction finally comes to an end. After eighteen months in the making a classroom building with the advanced technology that puts Penn State Delco ahead of all the other Penn State system campuses emerges.

The new building features six class rooms and five seminar rooms with the ability to seat sixty to eighty students, and a lecture hall to seat one hundred people.

Each classroom and laboratory will be capable of providing technology-enhanced learning, from Internet connections to teleconferencing, supporting academic classes in everything from history and music to engineering and science. The building will add over forty new personal computers to the campus, "heightening the student to computer ratio 8 to 1", explains Dr. Ed Tomesko, campus executive officer.

The building cost an astounding \$3.5 million. Included in that is an experiment with wireless networking, using radio frequencies to enable use of computers without use of additional ports.

For relaxation, the building contains a beautiful and comfortable student lounge. Floor to ceiling windows on two sides look out onto a wrap-around patio and the woods beyond.

The new classroom building provides much-needed classroom, office, and lounge space to a continously growing campus community.

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The new classroom building on campus is finally complete and is awaiting furnishings. It will be dedicated on October 12.

Five New Faculty Members Join Delco

By Rob Coyle

Freshmen are not going to be the only new faces on campus this year. Penn State Delco has hired five new faculty members in the fields of sociology, business, and health and human development.

Robert L. Stout is the new administrative director for the business program. A former student of PSU, Stout is a member of the prestigious "Who's Who Among America's Teacher" group and is also a member of the business and services task force of New Jersey Governor Christine Whitman's economic master plan commission.

Gita De Souza also is joining the business program as an assistant professor during the Spring semester. De Souza received her doctorate at Ohio State University and is currently working on a national study on the implementation of organization, as well as a number of topics such as diversity initiatives and diversity in the health care industry.

Joining the sociology department are two associate professors, Jian Guan and Janice I. Farkas.

Jian Guan has received degrees in colleges in China, England, and the United States. Her research interests include community and ur-

ban studies, non-government organizations, and a variety of other fields.

Janice Farkas, who received her masters and doctoral degrees at PSU, has research interests ranging from women's labor force participation to the sociology of the family.

New in the health and human development department is associate professor Cynthia Lightfoot. Lightfoot has degrees from the University of California, the University of British Columbia, and the University of North Carolina, and has received many grants and awards, as well as having her works published in several publications.



SGA officers set goals for the new year at the recent Penn State Leadership Conference held at Penn State Erie. They are (L-R): Krista Tempesta (secretary), Raquel Arredondo (advisor), Martin Ranalli (president), Liz Mondi (vice president), John McGarvey (goodwill ambassador), Jeff Bauer (treasurer) and Veno Leigertwood (assistant vice president)