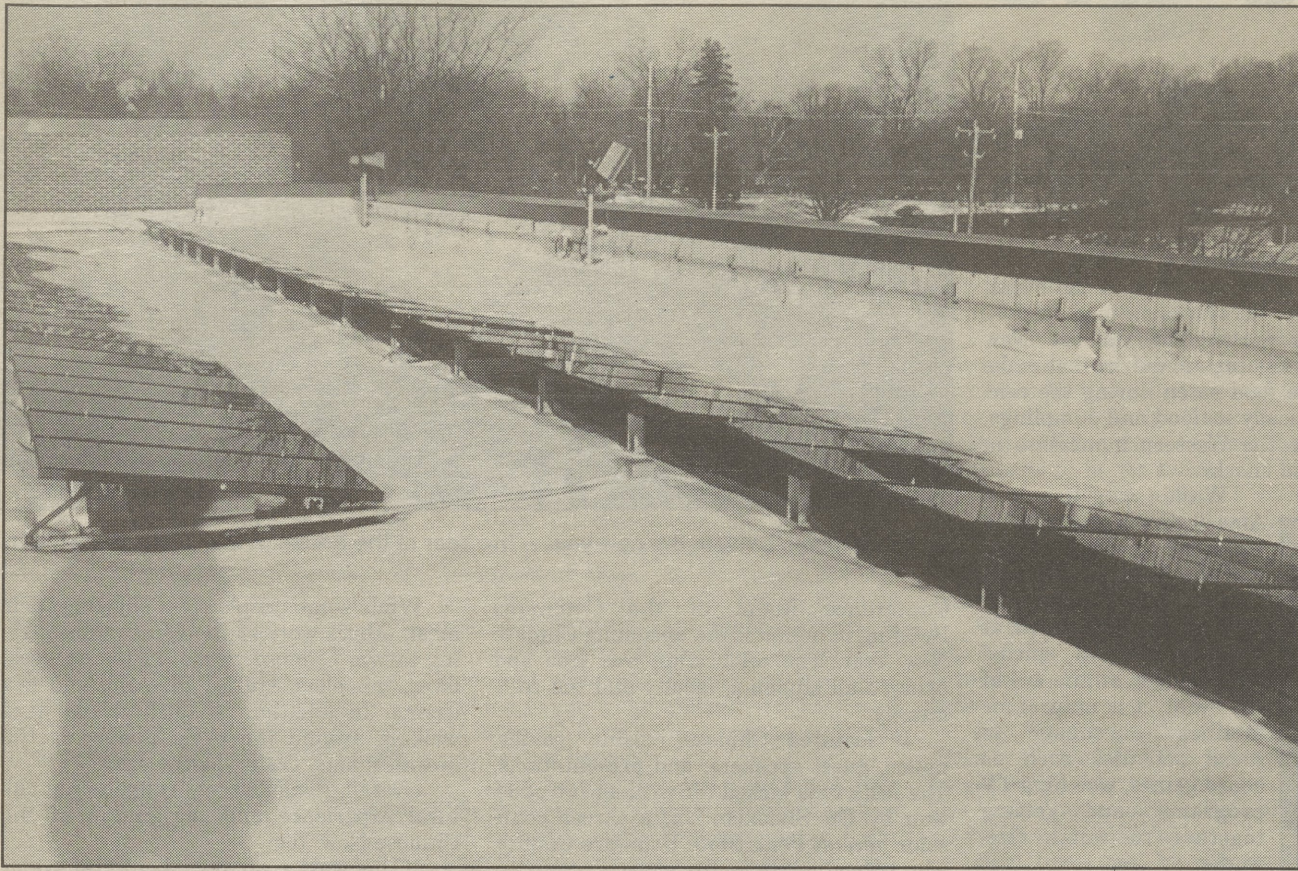


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Solar panels on the roof of the Main building are up and operational. Students can check out the sun and more though an on-campus website.

Penn State Delco: Let the sun shine in

By DANIELLE ROSSI
Staff Writer

Penn State Delco is definitely sunny-side up.

Solar energy panels were installed Jan. 16 on the roof of the Main building.

What's so hot about that?

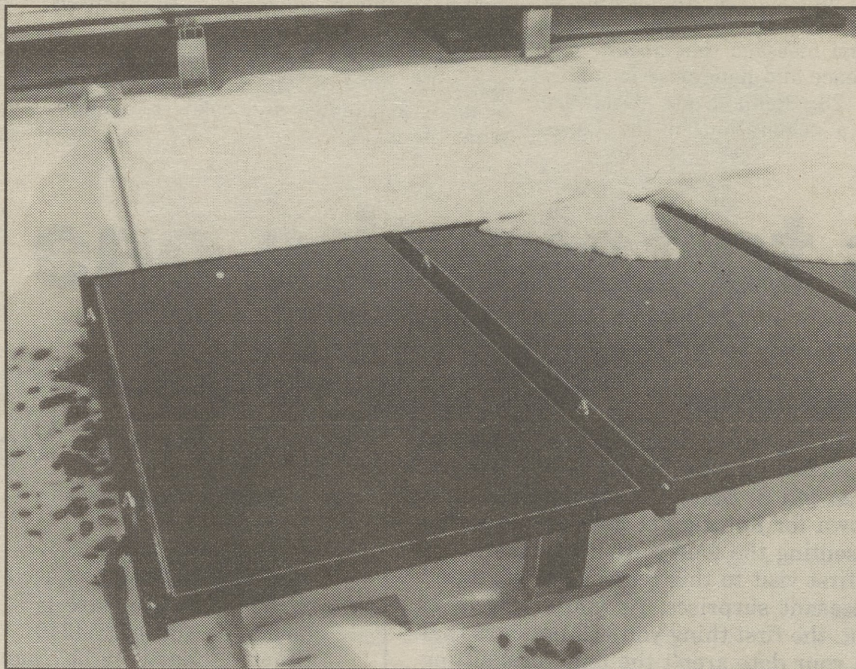
Well, there's the energy benefits. The panels will generate electricity from the sun, which helps reduce air, water, and land pollutants. Renewable resources will supply other electricity.

Clean Air Council and Conectiv Energy donated the solar rooftop system to Penn State Delco for free. Delco was one of the first of 20 local schools to receive the solar energy panels.

Then there's the educational benefits. Students and professors can study the sun, environment and energy by using the Internet to monitor the local solar panels.

The system is up and operating. Local officials say the panels will be useful to the campus and can be used as a tool in future science and engineering courses.

No dates have been set to when the professors can start to incorpo-



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An up-close look at a couple of solar panels on the roof of the Main building.

rate solar energy learning into their classroom agendas. But everyone is very excited about the new program.

"It will be great," said Biology Professor Robert C. Black. He added

he's anxious, "to use the Internet hookup for my biology science class."

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Hey you! Get a job! Here's how ...

By STEPHEN WATSON
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So you go to school, you lug your books around for 15 weeks, and on the weekends, you go out for a good time.

But what if you were to consider getting a job, an internship, or make a serious consideration about your future career?

What would you do? The good news is that there is no need to worry. The Career Development Center has you covered.

On Jan. 15, the CDC launched a new resource, a website known as the WORKPLACE (www.de.psu.edu/careers), to assist students on their journey through the working world.

The site itself links the College Central Network which provides a direct connection to full-time, part-time, internship, cooperative education, seasonal, and volunteer opportunities. All of these services are free to any student or alumni of Penn State Delaware County.

Local employers can register at the site, post job opportunities, search resumes and seek out prospective employees — at no cost. Students can post their resumes, search the site for jobs that are available in the area, and pursue career interests.

The website itself consists of five primary components designed to help the student get his/her desired results: Calendar, Career Decisions, Job Connections, On-Campus Recruitment, and Internships. There is a sixth component incorporated for employers to register with the service, and so is appropriately titled Employer Registration.

On the Calendar is listed any upcoming events such as resume workshops, practice interviews, etc. that may be taking place in the Career Development Center.

In the Career Decisions section, a student is offered a wide variety of Assessment Tools that help them come to terms with what are their most valuable and useful skills. Also, in this section, there are links to various resources for Networking and Occupational opportunities.

In Job Connections, a handful of links are given which direct students to online job services, local newspaper want-ads, and all their work-related needs. Students can submit their resumes through this section of the website.

The On-Campus Recruitment section is open only to seniors, and has guidelines set to lead students through the details and registration process. It requires that students submit two resumes, attend an Interview Workshop, and make appointments with employers, among other things.

Internships is the gateway for both students and employees to engage in active work/academic experiences, which not only give the student a great experience, and provide the employer with a great employee, but it paves the way for a student's professional career.

Anyone who is interested in what their future could hold for them should take a serious look at WORKPLACE (www.de.psu.edu/careers). For further information, contact Carol Minski at cam@psu.edu, Sharmon Bryant at sqb@psu.edu, or Tom Seifried at tjs@psu.edu. All three can be reached in the Career Development Center, located in the Student Life Office, 2nd floor of the Commons Building, or by calling (610) 892-1279.

Take a risk and learn more about campus research

By BRENT A. FOOTE
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The quest for knowledge has raised such mind-boggling questions as:

Is there life on other planets?

If a tree falls in an abandoned forest does it make a sound?

Can frogs see transparent walls placed ahead of them?

Now, thanks to the Second Annual Student Research Symposium, at least one of these enigmas may be solved.

The Student Research Symposium is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in the large conference room, across from Student Life, in the Commons building. Started last year as a professional development workshop, the

symposium will showcase multiple student speakers enrolled at PSU Delco.

Dr. Jan Farkas, Assistant Professor of Sociology, organized the symposium for students to learn new methods of presenting research on a professional level.

As a social demographer, Farkas is involved in a lot of research. She is studying retirement trends of the nation's middle aged and elderly.

"I like it," she said, "looking at what risks people are willing to take."

And taking risks are exactly what Farkas is interested in motivating the students of this year's symposium to do.

Presentations scheduled for the symposium range from *Computer Firewalls* (Stacy Levin and Lauren Halem) to experimenta-

tion with *Frogs and Their Ability to Recognize and Negotiate Transparent, Stationary Walls* (Mary Fontanella and Lillian Woo).

Additional presentations include: *Thomas Pratt and Delaware County In The Nineteenth Century* (Larry Smythe), *Intergenerational Transmissions of Behaviors* (Stephanie Deak), and *The Function of Art Therapy in Multiple Environments* (Rebecca Webb).

Farkas hopes the symposium will, "Show students what they are capable of."

"Even undergraduates can produce quality work worthy of higher grades."

"I want our students to be able to go out into the 'real world' with an understanding of how to present on a professional level," she adds.

Participating students are recognized as leaders and can use the experience on their resumes. Those who attend the event receive a discount in the bookstore with a completed Passport (see Doreen Hettich in Student Life).

Refreshments will also be served.

In April, the faculty will turn the tides and present some of their own research for the student's benefit.

"In order to raise the level of our students we need to act as a model," said Farkas. Students will get to see what types of research their professors are working on and what risks they are taking.

Farkas is so excited and confident in the success of this symposium that a third is already planned for next year.