

School in the summer

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All students anxiously await the class-free summer season and all it entails: the freedom, the relaxation — but the boredom?

Sadly, it's inevitable that summertime will force countless mundane days upon the student who are on leave from a university.

Summer class sessions offered at Penn State Delco provide a perfect, beneficial use of this time.

Growing up, we were always told summer school was for the "remedial" student.

But don't worry, summer college classes in no way resemble that kind of "summer school".

First of all, the classes are open to all students — not just the kids who need extra help. Secondly, the classes take place in exactly the same manner as the fall and spring semester. The only difference is that the class is more frequent, but in a shorter time period.

Delco offers three separate sessions: May 14-June 22, June 25-Aug 3, and May 14-July 6.

You can register for courses any time up to 10 days into the class. You can register by phone, mail, in-person, or online through the E-Lion system at elion.psu.edu (requiring a PSU access account).

What if you sign up and later decide to drop your summer course? A full refund will be provided up to three days before to the beginning of any one session — just like the fall and spring semesters — with smaller percentages refunded as the weeks go by.

If a student doesn't need federal or university aid, they can take as many or as few credits as they want.

There is no minimum requirement of credits in order to retain the position of full-time student during the school year.



Studying in the sun and sand? Not a bad idea, huh? Check out the summer offerings.

Consequently, students often take a light load. The brevity of the courses can make working a part-time or even full-time job very manageable.

If you need financial aid, you need to take a minimum of six credits, which usually consists of two courses.

A number of basic courses are offered en masse as they are in the regular semesters. But there are also quite a few interesting specialty courses offered.

One caveat: Because there is generally a smaller enrollment, certain courses will wind up being cancelled because not enough students registered. Registering early ensures that the university can better maintain the courses you desire, and it also prevents you from being closed out of popular courses.

The schedule of summer courses can be obtained in 105 Main.

The schedule is designed the same as for regular semesters, but has a green cover.

Four additional programs that will be occurring this summer compliments of the Learning Center are: Fresh Start, The 30-Hour Program, C&I 297B, and English 1.

Fresh Start is designed for first year students who are struggling academically. It will help them to get math and English help. This is a six-week program.

The 30-Hour Program consists of peer tutoring to help prepare incoming students for college. New students will interact with older students to better prepare for the long haul.

C&I 297B, also known as "Adult Literacy: Focus on Volunteers," is for students who are interested in learning about the social, political, and historical issues related to illiteracy.

Those enrolled will work with adult, teaching them to read or read better.

C&I 297B is an easy way to earn three extra credits over the summer, and comes with some flexible hours. For more information, contact Norma Notzold in 203 Main or see our article "Students learn by teaching" in last month's edition of *The Lion's Eye*, Vol. XXXII, No. 7.

English 1 is a non-remedial class offered specifically by the Learning Center, with a general view towards themes found in British and American literature and relating them to experiences in community service.

The fact remains that all students have to take certain classes — regardless of when they're offered.

So, don't wait. Find out what you could be missing in summer school.

Campus Security: Protect and serve

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Did you ever take a moment to think about how safe our campus is? On a daily basis one could overhear people complaining about how boring it is here at Penn State Delco.

Maybe they think it is a drag because there aren't any fights, robberies or fires. Although some may have a negative attitude like this, surely all the students with any common sense can appreciate all that the faculty, staff and most of all the campus security does to protect us while we are on campus.

For the most part when students are thinking of attending a certain college or university they ask all the so called "important questions".

How are the classes and professors? What about the varsity sports teams? And, the most popular: What are the parties like?

Granted these are extremely important questions, but it is nice to know you can come to school without fear.

"Our campus is extremely safe," said campus security officer Jon McKnight, "there is a very low incident rate here at Penn State Delco."

He couldn't be more correct. On a daily basis some of the most common problems are locking keys in the car, the dead car battery or the occasional health problem.

Sure, there have been isolated occurrences where books or money have been taken, or even a little scuffle between students, but you don't hear about it because it is so rare and handled in a professional matter, school officials said.

Officer McKnight went on to add, "One benefit here is that even when security is not visible there are many eyes watching and reporting back to us to prevent any mishaps."

"Ninety-nine point nine percent of the students here mind their own business and stay out of trouble, we only have a handful of jackasses on this campus."

Campus security is constantly trying to improve the job they do at our campus, they said.

"Now that we have these yellow shirts, we are visible more often and students are aware of our presence," said McKnight, "and the addition of the bicycles cuts down on our response time and allows us to patrol the entire campus more efficiently."

So when going over your checklist for Penn State Delco be sure to note how safe our little campus is.

By the way, if you are ever on campus and see a bolt of lightning race by you, don't be startled. It's only our campus security officers on their bikes doing their job to the best of their ability.

News from your local bookstore

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Buyback time has arrived once again! Beginning during finals week, the bookstore will be buying back your used textbooks, workbooks and study guides — if they were written in pencil and can be easily erased.

"This is the time when you will get the highest value for your book," says bookstore Manager Renee Lutz. So, get to the bookstore as soon as you can to return your books for cash.

"The Monday and Tuesday after finals is usually when I stop buying for the store, then it's [the value of the book] back to whatever the wholesaler is offering," adds Lutz.

But don't forget, don't return your books before you take your

finals. Chances are, you will need to study to do well on the final.

Condition good

To return your books for buyback value, they must be in resellable condition. What exactly does this mean? It means no water damage, no missing pages, no excessive writing. It also means that if you used tape to repair your book, use a strong tape that will hold for a while. Also, tape your book before arriving at the bookstore to return your book. Tape will not be provided there.

For study guide buyback, there must only have been erasable pen or pencil used in the guide. Before going to the bookstore, erase all written material from your guidebook. Also, make

sure that if your textbook came with CD's or tapes, you have them with you when you are returning books. If you do not have them, the value of the book may drastically change.

Reservations accepted

There is a new feature added to the campus bookstore to make the students' lives much easier: textbook reservations!

"We will do all the work for you," says Lutz. Just get a copy of your schedule, fill out the form available in the bookstore or go on the bookstore website -- www.bkstore.com/psu.442. The website is also linked to the campus web page under the heading "bookstore."

You can request new or used

books, only a few books for a certain class, even just one book that you want in advance. You'll need to put a credit card number on the form provided on the website, or mark the portion of the form concerning the financial aid you receive for books. Also, the bookstore will be set for fall in early August, so Lutz advises: "Come in early and buy your books."

Protect your books

One last note: Do not leave your books or bookbag unattended, this is a peak season for book theft.

"Put an identifiable mark in the book," advises Lutz. That way, she may be able to help locate the book, give the owner the money they deserve and find out who stole the book.

Tons planned for Asian Cultures Awareness Month

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In May of 2000, President Bill Clinton signed a proclamation to hold one month out of the year in observance of Asian Cultures in America. He wanted to honor people who have impacted our past, present and will impact the future of America.

On April 11, the Asian-

American Association (AAA) of PSU Delco held a program for all to attend in celebration of Asian Cultures.

The coordinator of the program was Vice President of AAA Trang Le.

The program was held in the lobby of the classroom building, which was decorated extravagantly with banners and balloons. Trang said it took about

three hours to decorate.

The program began with an introduction by Dr. Shaoxian Yu, a counselor of Student Life, and moved on to performances of singing by "Bliss," sisters Ria and Gemma Cruz, and dancing by "SevAnz": Trang Le, Thuy Le, Thu Do, Trinh Pham, Phuong Le, and Kim Nguyen. Temple University senior Quyen Ta also sang.

After the performances and a short closing, everybody was treated to the vast array of Chinese food, which consisted of egg and spring rolls, fried rice, lo mein, and chicken and broccoli.

The number in attendance for the program was high and club leaders said the first Asian-American Culture Awareness program was a great success.