

Eye on Campus

New here? Don't know where to turn?

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Here are some helpful hints for freshmen, others

So you've been to FTCAP (do you know what it stands for?) to get your e-mail accounts, and to orientation where you got to play around with digital cameras.

Tons of information was thrown at you in packets and folders, Power Point presentations and panel discussions.

Now that school has started and you're trying to get into the swing of things, all the information thrown at you was probably lost along the way. So here are a few helpful hints that could go a long way.

■ First — so textbook losses can be minimized — write

your name or a symbol on the page of your favorite number. For example, Jason should write Jason on page 15 on all of his expensive textbooks.

■ Second, if you are running late for class and you have to get from the Main building to the Classroom building (or vice versa) there is a way to cut out the long walk around campus. The basement door of the Classroom Building opens up to almost the SEPTA bus stop in front of the Main Building. The walk is short.

■ Third, if you have waited until the last second to do that research paper due in a few hours and all the computer

labs you have looked to are full, there is hope. Remember, every building has a computer lab, so try the Commons Building. The computer lab is on the second floor and is usually empty. While you're up there, say hello to the friendly people in Student Life, which is right next door and also pick up a free daily planner.

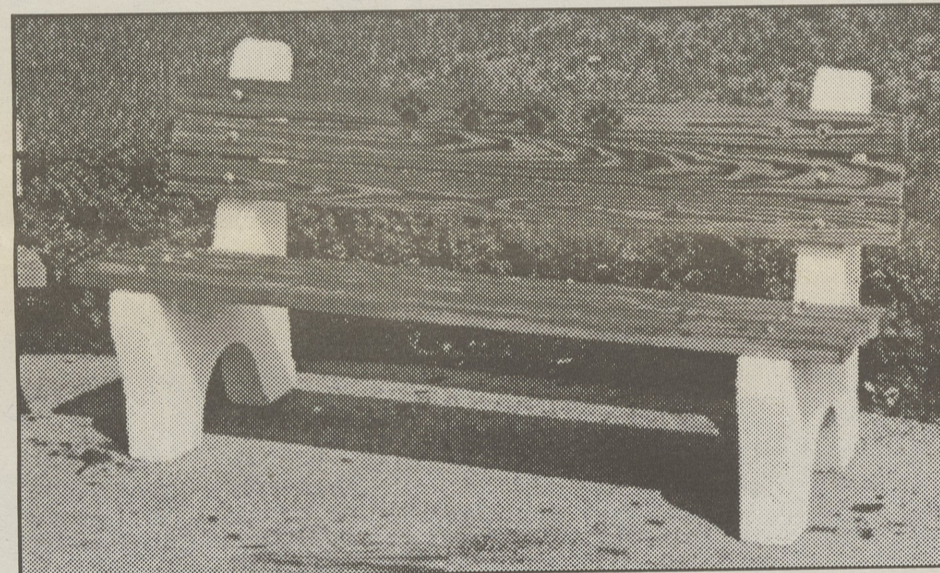
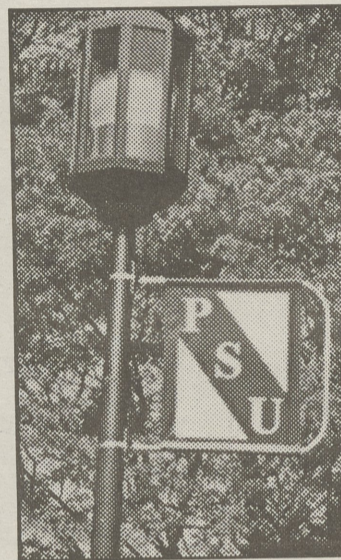
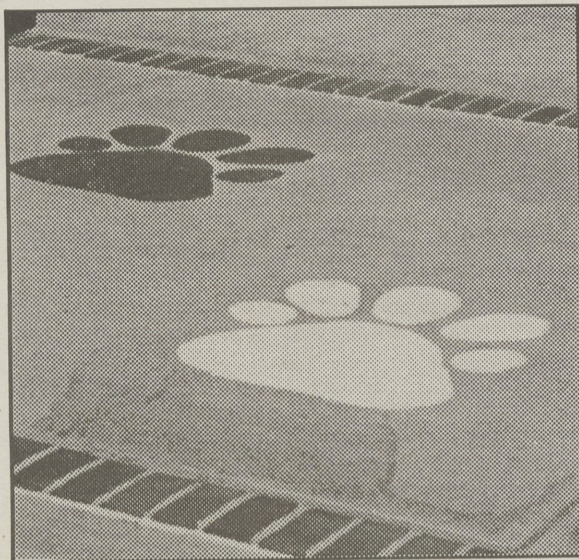
You can refer to the Penn State daily planner that you can get in Student Life for a complete listing of faculty and staff, including their e-mails, details about the campus, as well as a schedule for things that are happening around campus.

Paws and take in changes

By SHAWN PETTIT
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If you've been on this campus for the past few weeks, you've probably noticed the random paw prints on the sidewalks, benches, tables, and flags all over Penn State Delco. This is part of the school's effort to achieve more school spirit.

A few days before the campus held convocation, student, faculty, and staff volunteers held a "Spirit Day." Volunteers cleaned up the campus, painted blue-and-white paw prints on the walkways, roads, picnic tables and benches, and hung flags with paw prints and the Penn State Delco logo.



Photos by Shawn Pettit

Paw prints adorn the streets and walkways around campus as part of the administrations beautification and spirit building process. Benches, flags and street signs also are additions to the campus this year.

Flags from other countries still hang from lampposts all over campus.

Students that arrived at campus on the first day were pleasantly surprised.

"It's a great change," said sophomore Laura Cornog. "I really like the paw prints on the sidewalks."

Sophomore Laura Romano also liked the changes.

"The campus looks so

clean and the flags and paw prints look great," she said.

Although most students welcome the changes, there are a few skeptics.

"I feel like I'm in a zoo with all the paw prints," said sophomore Chris Bruce.

To continue promoting school spirit, the campus has been organizing weekly events to get students involved with activities and to meet new people. Free food is usually served and there is always a band or two that provides entertainment.

Although PSU Delco is a commuter campus, school spirit is very alive here thanks to the efforts of the volunteers on Spirit Day. If you want to show your Penn State pride, you can join a student organization or you can go support the various athletic teams here or at University Park.

There's always some way to support your school.

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Want to go clubbing? It's easy to start

By CARRIE GOLDSTEIN
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Are you bored? Lonely? Looking to meet new people on campus and make additional friends? Become a more intimate member of the Penn State family or celebrate your interests with others?

Penn State Delco offers a solution: Scores of student clubs and organizations — open to any student that wishes to join.

Close to 30 clubs and organizations exist; from the Student Government Association and the Cheerleading Club, to the Martial Arts Club, THON and sports clubs. The variety of student-run organizations is such that nearly every student can find one club to match his or her interests.

The 2002-03 school year starts with an introduction of several new clubs, presently in the process of becoming official.

The Photography Club, organized by student Joanna Cosans (jmc517@psu.edu) and advised by Jeffrey Wirth, director of finance at Penn State Delco, plans to grant students the opportunity to take photographs of people and events on campus and allow them to hone their photography skills. You don't even have to own your own camera, says Doreen Hettich-Atkins, director of student life.

"[The university] has purchased 15 brand-new digital cameras that students can borrow with [presentation of] their ID." The campus already has a darkroom and Cosans has been collecting names of interested students.

A second new club in the process of becoming official is the Rugby Club, created by a freshman at the fall convocation. He came prepared with a sign he made and individually recruited 50 to 60 students to join. The club is welcoming both men and women; and to date has no advisor. Student Life Counselor Shaoxian Yu claims that the Rugby Club will "practice here and have fun;" whether it will play other schools is uncertain. For more information surrounding the Rugby Club, contact Emilio Salgueiro at ejs267@psu.edu.

The Guitar Club is attempting to get started with some experienced players who are more than willing to teach those who are novice to the instrument. Although titled the "Guitar" Club, the group also invites students who play any instrument to join. The club may combine with two other new organizations, the Jazz Band and Cabaret Club. If you enjoy playing music, dancing and/or performing, get in touch with Jen Rufo at: jlr397@psu.edu.

One final addition to the campus that has been discussed recently is introducing

Fun, prizes for the whole 'Community'

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Community Day promises to be a day of fun and excitement, say Penn State Delco organizers, who are hoping that it will be an even more successful event than last year, when it was referred to as Family Day.

The 2002 Community Day will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Current students and their parents, siblings and friends, along with prospective students are all invited to attend," admissions counselor Luanne Fox said.

Fox, and the others who are planning Community Day, are hoping the turnout will be 10 times better than the good-sized crowd that took in last year's event.

There will be many things to keep the guests at Penn State Delco happy on Community Day. Students can bring their cars and show their Penn State pride by decorating the car with school colors and possibly win prizes. There will also be a Penn State spirit contest and the person who is best-dressed in school attire will be a prize-winner. The contest will be judged in age groups (under 12 and over 12) and prizes will be awarded.

Along with the serving of traditional Penn State food, musical performances are expected.

The Department of Student Life says the occasion will be a great way for your parents and friends to become acquainted with your school, and a great way to show your Penn State pride.

a Penn State Radio Station. It is in a primary stage of development; but if you are interested, contact Hettich-Atkins at zdhl@psu.edu or at: (610) 892-1331.

Still not satisfied? You can start a club of your very own! The application process is "very simple," according to Shaoxian Yu, campus activities coordinator. A minimum of 10 students and one faculty or staff advisor is needed. Four students must be willing to fill the positions of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary and as a group, you create the goal of your club, which Yu referred to as a "constitution."

"It helps to [create] some structure for the organization," Yu said. Once the registration process is complete, the club becomes official.

None of the clubs mentioned above is "official" yet, but students can put their names on the list and will be notified if and when they do reach completion.

"It's an experiment," Yu said, and there are numerous "experiments" Penn State Delco offers to make each student's campus experience more rewarding.

For information on any pre-existing or new club, contact the Office of Student Life, second floor of the Commons/Athletic Center, or call: (610) 892-1270 (campus extension 270).