

# Eye on Campus

## Cool beans: Coffee bar is hot stuff

■ American Coffee and Tea Company is serving up the java.

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It would seem that Penn State Delco is in for a polite awakening.

Early morning in the Classroom Building, a sudden spurt of steam gives way to strong and alluring aromas. Tinkling glasses of strange colored liquids stand at ready next to the odious whir of concoctions being blended. The mysterious mixtures are poured very carefully in various sized containers, which is received in zombie-like hands of students and faculty alike. A few moments later, from their lips draws fresh breaths of vitality and pleasantries all around.

If one was careful and visited the Classroom building at least once this year, he might find something new... or not. For the little coffee shop, also called the American Coffee and Tea Company, blends in perfectly with its surroundings.

Green bumpers that match the green railings, sidings the same shade of dull gray that is the entirety of the Classroom lounge's persona, and a clever canopy that distracts the eye from all the shiny instruments that are noisily busied with throughout the day.

"Not sticking out... is really [a] big part of success," said Dan Kelly, proprietor of the American Coffee and Tea Company.

By blending in on campus, according to Kelly, he is fulfilling one of the major goals he set for himself here at Delco, "[To] bring everyone together in a central location." He said.

And indeed, this camouflaged coffee shop may have the



Photo by Shawn Pettit

The American Coffee and Tea Company has set up shop in the Classroom Building lounge, serving beverages and light fare from early in the morning until night classes are in session. The coffee bar prides itself on being 'the coolest place on campus.'

### A sample menu

Spring Water .....	1.25	
Sodas .....	1.25	
Italian Soda .....	3.50	
Fruit Smoothies.....	3.50	
Frozen Mocha Cappuccino (recommended by owner) .....	3.50	
	Regular	Large
	12 oz.	16 oz.
Coffee Blends	1.00	1.60
Espresso	1.50	2.00
Teas Assorted Blends	1.00	1.50
Cappuccino or Latte	3.00	3.50
Hot Chocolate	1.50	2.00
Sandwiches (sold after 3:30 p.m.)		3.50
Gourmet Muffins .....		1.50

means to do just that. Not only with strong experience in this business of about six years, Kelly said, and with two

other stores located in the University of Penn and Ocean city, he confidently marches toward that goal. And at prices that have been reasoned, the vast selection is eye-candy to one who might suffer from sleep depravation, hunger, thirst, or all three.

The sustenance that the American Coffee and Tea Company offers ranges from breakfast, which include gourmet muffins and coming soon those nifty little cereal boxes, to the post lunch and pre-dinner hunger pangs, which is served after 2:30 pm also including soups and some selected sandwiches. But of course their refreshments are the main attraction, which include the popular sells such as the Fruit Smoothies and the unique house blends contained in the metal cylinders such as "Sinful Delights." But the crème de la crème according to Kelly is the Frozen Mocha Cappuccino (\$3.50) because, "it's the tastiest," said he.

Interested, but still a little lost on campus? Just look for the sign on the corner of Athletics/Commons and Main Building, which reads, "It's not just coffee! Check out the 'coolest' place on campus!"

## Shaoxian Yu says goodbye to the campus he 'loves'



Photo by Meredith Becker

Shaoxian Yu says he loves working with Penn State Delco students. However, he recently announced his imminent departure for a position at George Mason University.

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Penn State Delco is losing one of its most respected faculty members. Dr. Shaoxian Yu has decided to accept a position as assistant director for diversity programs and services at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Yu has been working at Penn State Delco for almost three years. Before working at Penn State, he was employed at three other well-known schools. He worked in China, Ohio, and also the University of Georgia.

"This is the campus I loved. I love the students here from the bottom of my heart," said Yu.

Yu's title at Penn State Delco is assistant director of student affairs. He has a lot of responsibilities on campus, including advising SGA, student clubs, health and wellness programs, and being a personal counselor for students.

Yu said that leaving Penn

State is, "going to break my heart, I have so many personal relationships with so many students."

He wants to say "goodbye to every student personally." Although the short time allotting he may not be able to.

"I think he made some good bonds with students that are going to miss him," said Doreen Hettich-Atkins, the director of student life. "He will leave a hole in the department; in terms of student organization and programming, we will do our best to fill it quickly in a way to serve the needs of students."

Shaoxian is not excited about leaving. He enjoys seeing "students making progress either academically or personally" every day. He also has a message for all the students at Penn State Delco that he wants to leave:

"To all the students I may not get a chance to say goodbye to, I care and love each and every one of you," he said.