

Eye on Campus

Temporarily, a brand-new look in Student Life

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If you've been to the Student Life center recently, you've probably noticed that Penn State Delco has new staff members.

Doreen Hettich-Atkins, director of student life, has hired two professionals — Jeffrey Bauer and Barbara Jackson-Williams — to temporarily fill the positions of coordinators of student services.

The responsibilities of a coordinator of student affairs include planning programs and events for the campus and working with student clubs and organizations.

Hettich-Atkins said the two will "help to build a sense of community" for Penn State Delco students.

Bauer is a former Penn State Delco student. He was treasurer of the Student Government Association and "really active on campus," said Hettich-Atkins. He finished his degree at University Park, double-majoring in English and International Studies.

"[Bauer] started his international studies major here by taking so many trips and spending semesters abroad," said Hettich-Atkins.

Bauer said he took his first trip to Spain.

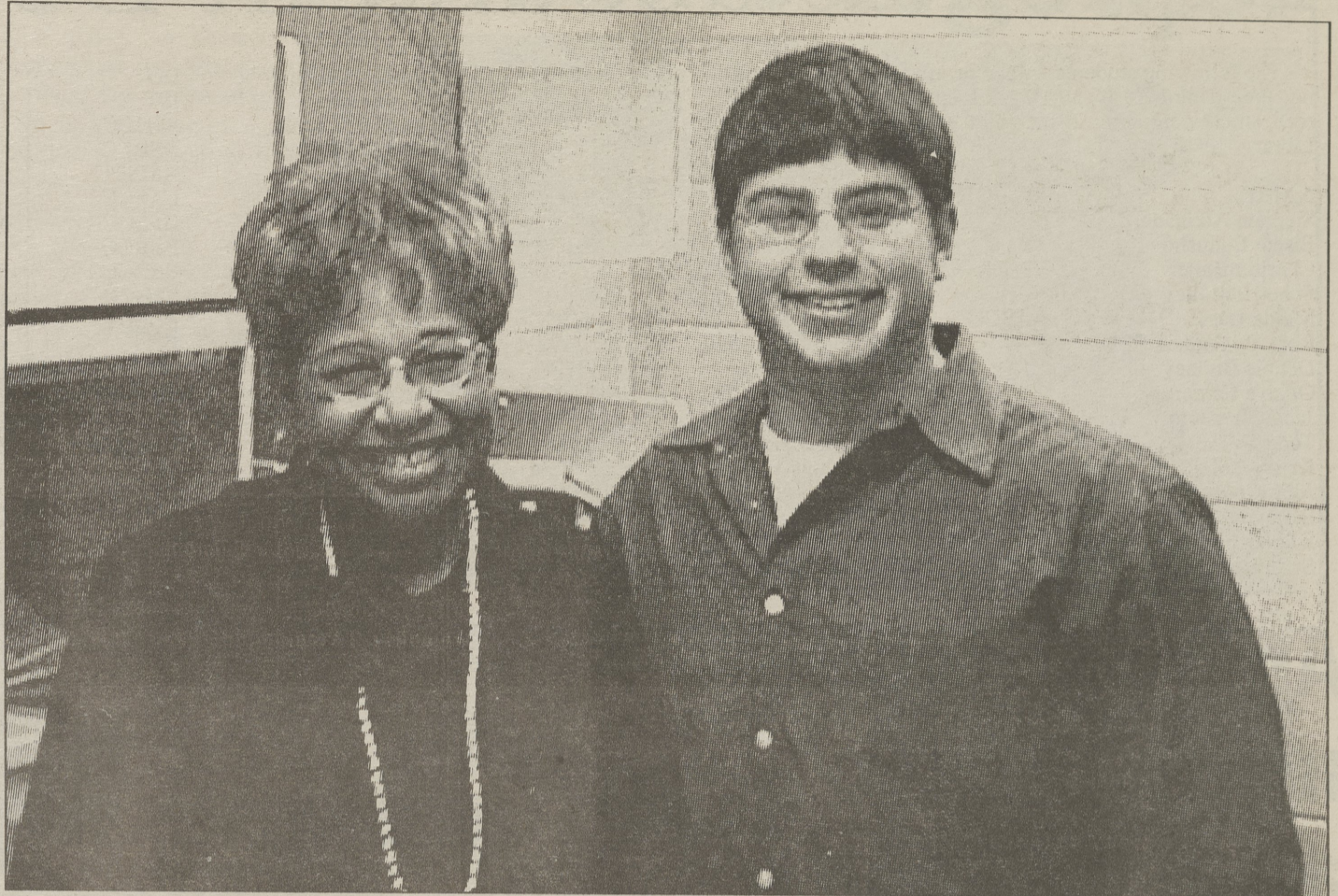
"After my first trip, I was addicted to traveling," he said. "It inspired me to live overseas and to do a semester abroad to learn about Spanish culture."

The main thing Bauer said he wants to do while at Penn State Delco is to increase student participation and "make campus life and community a little closer." He said he would like to make campus life more exciting for the students.

Jackson-Williams graduated from Cheyney University. She came to Penn State Delco from the Chester Education Foundation.

"[The foundation] gives grants and forms programs that serve the schools and communities at large," said Jackson-Williams.

Hettich-Atkins said Jackson-Williams is "extremely well-connected within the City of Chester" and has been active in city politics and civil organizations.



Barbara Jackson-Williams and Jeffrey Bauer are welcomed into the Penn State community as coordinators of student services. Both hope to improve campus life, each in their own special way.

Jackson-Williams is also a certified pharmacy technician.

"I need to work part-time to maintain my certification," she said.

Jackson-Williams is interested in hearing students' ideas for activities. She said that if students come to talk to her about their ideas, she will "do [her] best to get what they need."

Because the two new staff members are at Penn State Delco on a temporary basis, Hettich-Atkins is hiring for permanent staff to replace both Bauer and Jackson-Williams when they leave.

In fact, Hettich-Atkins is hiring for four positions. The first is a permanent

staff assistant. This new staff member will replace the temporary receptionist, Dale Soring.

Hettich-Atkins also wants to hire an assistant director of student affairs.

"The assistant director will supervise three professional staff members," said Hettich-Atkins.

The two other new positions are those that will be supervised by the assistant director. The positions are a coordinator for student services and a coordinator for student organization and program development.

"Near-graduates and recent graduates [of Penn State] are encouraged to apply,"

said Hettich-Atkins.

There will be a full-day interview process [including a Q&A session open to the entire student body] for those that apply, said Hettich-Atkins. She said that she wants students to be part of the interview process.

"I'm looking for students who want to be part of the search committee to look over the resumes and decide whom we should interview," said Hettich-Atkins. There will be 10-25 students involved in the interview process.

Any students who wish to be on the search committee should contact Hettich-Atkins at ZDH1@psu.edu.



Photo by Meredith Becker

Raul A. Amador was honored with an induction into The American Nicaraguan School (ANS) Hall of Fame for his soccer playing abilities. Amador is working on a degree in business and he hopes it will serve him well in his native Nicaragua.

Our Eye is on You

He's getting his kicks on the Delco campus

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The American Nicaraguan School (ANS) opened its Hall of Fame Nov. 15, to honor phenomenal athletes. Some 15 students were inducted, including Raul A. Amador, a Penn State Delco student, who was honored for his prowess on the soccer pitch.

Amador was born in Managua, Nicaragua, and ended up at Penn State Delco by applying to Penn State online.

"I chose Penn State Delco, because it was the closest campus to the airport," said Amador. "Although I do plan on transferring up to main campus in two years to finish my degree."

Amador is in the ANS Hall of Fame for his outstanding soccer skills.

"I have been playing soccer my whole life," he said. "My dad got me started at a young age. I play center-midfield."

Amador played for the Penn State Delco soccer team this fall.

As in most countries, soccer is a major sport in Nicaragua.

"The competition is definitely harder down there than it is up here," Amador said. "They are better-trained, and it is a lot tougher."

When asked about a career as a pro-

fessional soccer player and possibly playing in the World Cup, Amador seemed very interested.

"That would be great," he said. "It's been my dream my whole life."

"I don't know what my chances are of playing pro soccer though."

Aside from soccer, Amador allows that there are many differences between ANS and Penn State Delco.

"Our culture is very different and that makes our way of living different," he said. "Here at Delco there is so much diversity that it makes me feel at home. I like it here at Penn State; the people are very friendly and they treat me nicely. I also like to play pool and ping pong in the Lion's Den."

Amador has been living in the U.S. for three months and has found the transition easy.

"I didn't have any language problems," he said. "I have been speaking English my whole life."

Amador is working toward a degree in business and he hopes it will serve him well in his native Nicaragua.

"I hope to go back to my country and take over my dad's business," he said. "He owns a brokerage house."

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