

Eye on Campus

It is written: Help for your papers is there

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Writing can sometimes prove to be a difficult process for many of us.

We might approach a stumbling block in an essay that requires assistance, or we might just crave another's opinion before we submit the final product to our professor. Fortunately, Penn State Delco has developed an effective solution for all of our writing needs.

The Writing Center, which opened in September, is located in a cozy corner of 312 Main. Students can obtain one-on-one writing help in any academic discipline for essays, resumes, graduate-school tests, cover letters, etc. Although you won't find peer help in this center, you're sure to receive special attention from tutors all having at least a Master's degree.

Tutors provide students with the

skills needed to start, organize, edit, and proofread a paper, and often introduce and reinforce ideas such as reading your work aloud in order to help detect grammatical mistakes.

Those proficient in writing, but are still interested in polishing their skills, may find the center worthy of a visit.

Pamela Main, center coordinator, said the center is "not just for weak writers ... we work with good writers also." ESL tutors are also available if needed.

Dan Procacci, a corporate communications major, said "The Writing Center is a necessary resource for this school. It's awesome to know that help is there if you need it."

Tutoring is available by appointment, but walk-ins are more than welcome. The Writing Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Friday's from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

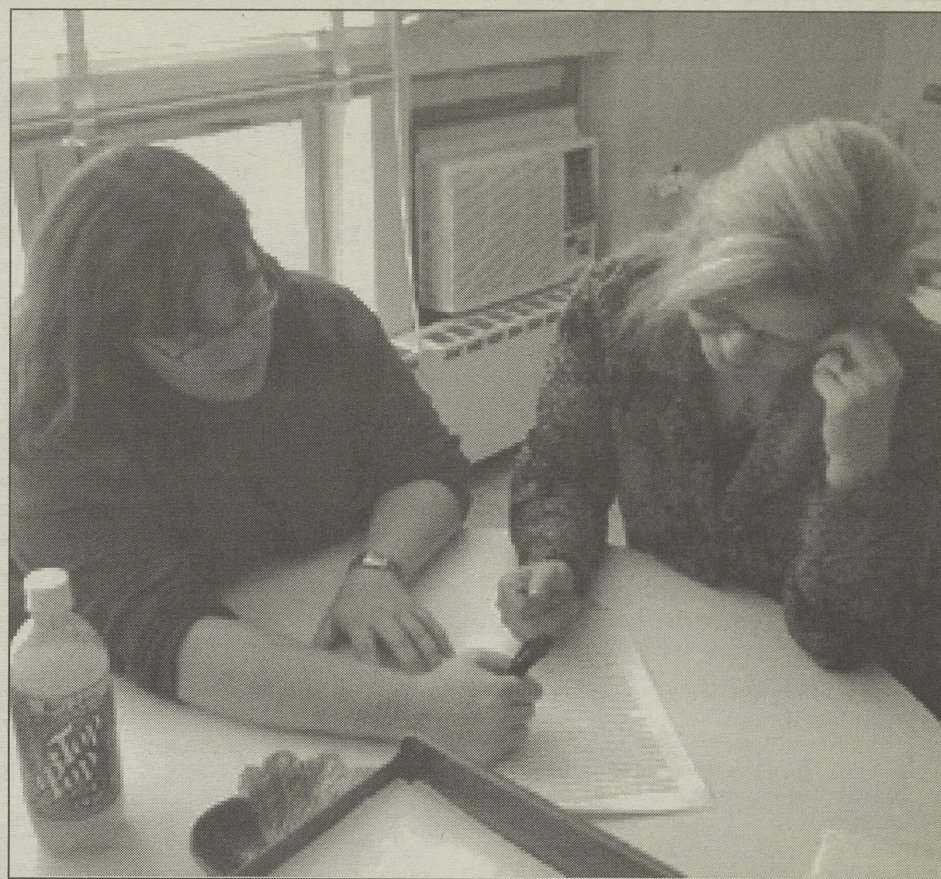


Photo by Anya Takos
Lynette Lewis, left, and Pamela Main are on hand in the campus' new Writing Center to help students with assignments and papers.

Once it's over, simply move on to other things

Dear Mama Q: How should I act around my ex-girlfriend? I don't want her to get an idea that I still like her, but I still want to be friends.

— Moving On

Dear Moving On:

If you have already made it clear that all you want is friendship, then your job is already done. Sometimes we as humans do not know how to let go. I know you're saying to yourself, yeah she just won't let go, but really you are still holding on as well. It is very hard for two people who have shared an intimate relationship to stop and suddenly become friends.

You and your ex-girlfriend should not see each other for a while. If you don't have this time apart you might end up back together. You may get caught up in emotions, only later to realize that this is still not what you want. So take sometime apart from

each other. After some time has passed, then maybe you two can come back and be friends. Once you both start dating, then it will be a whole lot easier to just be friends. Most importantly, remember this is not a divorce. It's a break-up. You were together and now you're not. So, mister, it's just time to move on.

Dear Mama Q: I think my guy friend likes me and I like him, but I am afraid that we will jeopardize

our friendship for something more. What should I do?

— Just Friends

Dear Just Friends:

This is not middle school, Boo. If you like him and he likes you, then what's the problem? In today's world we over think everything. This is really quite simple. You and your friend should just sit down and talk. Please don't send out notes, letters, and instant messages. If you can both agree that one date will not ruin your friendship then go for

it. Friends can sometimes make the best mates and sometimes they make the worse. But you will never know what could be until you try.

If you are both open and honest, and most importantly *true friends*, this experience should only make you closer no matter the outcome. So go ahead and see what the next level is like. You might like the other side.

Dear Mama Q: Do you know of any delectable desserts to drive him wild? Keep in mind, last time I tried to bake or cook anything, the kitchen almost went up in flames.

— What's Cooking

Dear What's Cooking:

Please back away from the stove. Now that we have you away from the fire, let's heat things up. All you need is five ingredients to make him think you're the Queen of Sweets:

Vanilla ice cream, strawberries, blueberries, pound cake and whipped cream. Take one thick slice of pound cake and layer some vanilla ice cream on top. Then slice up some strawberries and layer that on top of the ice cream. Next, add another slice of pound cake. Then add another layer of ice cream and then lay the blueberries on top of the ice cream. Hold on, because we are not done yet. Now put the last slice of cake on top and add whipped

cream. Throw the strawberries and blueberries on top. Write him a note that says I LOVE YOU BERRY MUCH!

And if that doesn't get him going, just sprinkle powdered sugar all over your lips and give him the sweetest kiss he's ever had.

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