

Eye on Campus

... and summer's next

You deserve a break, and we have some ideas on how to spend it

Finals week is upon us (yipe, it's next week ... better start cramming). Before you know it, you'll have a summer all to yourself.

And since you do, we at the *Lion's Eye* thought we'd pass along some of our tips on how to enjoy summer, without even having to leave the immediate area.

Enjoy.

And enjoy summer.

Stephen Watson

I anticipate graduating in May, so my summer pleasures might take a backseat to some random job.

But during whatever vacation time I may have, it would be great to get back to my roots, as well as some personal interests. In particular, I'd like to regain my musical abilities, go out camping, do a little bowling, catch up in some creative writing, and maybe even do a little target shooting.

And, of course, I have some Phillies games to go to, and I'd like to get a Web site up. For all I know, I might even wind up with a girlfriend at some point during this millennium. In any case, with an anticipated B.A. in English I can finally pursue my lifelong dream of editing fortune cookies.

Katie News

Summertime is to spend outdoors with our friends. Swimming, picnics, hiking, and outdoor sports are all things we enjoy. Ridley Creek State Park is a great place to do all of this. The creek which runs through the park holds a lot of entertainment within itself. You can swim, wade and just enjoy yourself on the bank of the creek.

In the center of the park there is a large field with picnic tables, bathrooms and a playground. Here you can enjoy an entire day of relaxing with your friends or your family. The best part is, it's free. So throw your friend in the back of your truck and make your way to Ridley Creek State Park, located less than 3 miles from Delco's campus.

Lauren O'Neil

If you are looking for an affordable, fun amusement park to attend this summer, Dorney Park in Allentown should top your list. At only \$37 a ticket, the park has more than 100 rides ranging from roller coasters to a wave pool. I have been going every summer for seven years and have never been disappointed.

The park is clean and easy to navigate. The employees are always friendly and seem to be having fun themselves. Steel Force and Talon are the two main rides in the park, and are the only two roller coasters I have ever been on. And this year they have added another roller coaster, Hydra, which has already been getting rave reviews. They also have a large section for children, including Camp Snoopy.

Dorney Park is a phenomenal place for a day trip that involves the whole family and I cannot wait to go again this summer with my family.

Shana Goldson

When finals are over, my summer will begin with a week at the shore with my best friend. We intend to relax and enjoy the serene view of the sandy beaches in New Jersey.

When that week is over I will return to my home to a series of responsibilities. First, I will be taking a class at Penn State Delco to satisfy a general education requirement so I can graduate on time.

Second, I will be an orientation leader. This job entails assisting incoming freshman as they go through the FTCAP experience on our campus.

I will also be interning at Wired 96.5. This will be



Members of the *Lion's Eye* staff for the Spring 2005 semester included, front, from left, Katie News, editor Jennifer Rufo and Lauren O'Neil; rear, Amar Ganti, Stephen Watson, Martin Beatty, Dan Delaney and Anthony Iezzi.

the most exciting part of my summer. I will be doing office work in the public relations, management, and marketing departments as well as taking part in two events each week. These two events consist of an evening at a club, lounge, or concert.

Dan Delaney

A favorite summer memory actually occupied two consecutive summers. After freshman and sophomore years in high school, I was employed by a neighbor's construction company. Taking the bus and walking around West Chester for six months yielded endless funny stories and characters I will be able to remember until I kick the bucket. The work was incredibly hard and the pay was meager, but the experiences were priceless and will never duplicated.

Anthony Iezzi

Summer is a time for relaxation and freedom from school. My favorite thing to do is absolutely nothing. I enjoy sitting around being as lazy as possible and hopefully kill as many cells as I can. I'll leave you with a quote from the legendary Will Smith to look deeper into the wonderful season of summer. "Guys out hunting and girls doing likewise, honking at the honey in front of you with the light eyes. She turn around to see what you beeping at, it's like the summers a natural aphrodisiac. And with a pen and pad I compose this rhyme to hit you and get you equipped for the summer time."

Martin Beatty

My favorite summer pastime is playing stickball in the convenient parking lot a half-block away from my house. Stickball is a good sport to play because there doesn't need to be a lot of people. A simple 3-on-3 will usually keep us entertained for the entire nine innings.

There is also not really a need for any equipment.

The only items needed for a stickball game are a few tennis balls and a couple of decent Wiffle ball bats with some duct tape wrapped around them. It also costs next to nothing to participate in a game of stickball. All that is needed is an empty parking lot or an open space with a place to bounce the ball from pitcher to home plate. And anybody can play.

Kevin Krauss

Quite simply, I like to do nothing. Well, it's not nothing to me. To me, it's everything. The perfect summer day is a lazy day when the sun is shining and it isn't too humid, but you can still feel the sun on your back slowly, and gently warming you to a level of fabulous comfort. Of course, the quintessential way to experience this feeling of content is to be outside...in the woods, or in a field...somewhere away from large amount of people; and there should be water. Water is the Valium of nature. My doctor told me to take two of them with a glass of fresh air from a breeze. I think I'm going to go and spend the whole rest of the day outside.

Gerry Dungan

I want to wake up early one summer morn with such a start the jackhammers outside my city street are silenced by the awesome ruckus I'd create. I'd shed off every piece of wintry weight, running free through Philadelphia. I'd run straight down South Street, passing the hippies and new-aged folk sipping their "herbed" teas and lattes. I'd go to the riverfront and proclaim to our Jersey neighbors that'd I'd be coming for them down the shore soon! Then I'd make a streak toward Jim's steaks and grab my first summer cheesesteak. They'd give it to me for free. Then I'd run past City Hall and tell Mayor Street everything's OK cause it's summertime baby! Finally, I'd run up to the Art Museum, where I'd triumphantly throw my hands in the air as the Fourth of July fireworks dazzle the night's sky.