

Eye On Community

Not Just A Minor Student Service

New Civic and Community Engagement minor trains student leaders to graduate as civil leaders

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"Involvement."

To Dr. Laura Guertin, assistant professor of Earth Sciences at Penn State Delaware County, it's more than just a word. It's key to a meaningful life.

"The idea of engagement is very important for the growth of students and the community," said Guertin, who spearheaded the creation of Penn State Delaware County's Center for Civic and Community Engagement. The Center coordinates a variety of service and volunteer projects throughout the year.

"In college, we are always trying to encourage students to become student leaders. But by participating in projects that help others, we are preparing students to become community leaders, to have the skills, knowledge, and confidence that they can make a difference in their community," Guertin said.

Guertin, recently honored as one of the 2006 recipients of the George W. Atherton Award for Excellence in Teaching at Penn State University, became involved in the Center after learning about the new minor, which Penn State began offering last year at all its campuses as an intercollegiate minor called Civic and Community Engagement.

Guertin said she wanted to "create a Center that serves as an umbrella to share information about not only the minor, but all campus volun-

teering and service efforts."

Service projects are not only completed by students in the minor. Student clubs, faculty, and specific classes also help with the projects.

In March, PSU held an alternative spring break where students participated in various service projects. Some of these projects included: taking a three day trip to the National Constitution Center, packing food kits for Philabundance and reading to children at the Aardvark Childcare Center.

Another project that students became involved in was "The Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness."

An upcoming event that the Center supports is the "Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure." This is an annual walk, taking place on Mother's Day in Philadelphia, to raise breast cancer awareness and help fund cancer research. PSU-Delco Office of Student Life is also helping to organize a team. Announcements for how to sign up will be available on campus shortly.

Guertin said another great opportunity to get involved is "MathOptions," a program run by Dr. Pat VanLeuvan. It gives seventh grade female students the chance to learn about the importance of math and science. The girls come to campus for one day to learn about the benefits of pursuing a career in the math and science fields. Students and faculty will be assisting with the program throughout the day.

For information on how to join Penn State Delaware County's volunteer programs, or to find information about minor in Civic and Community Engagement, visit <http://community.de.psu.edu>



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Route 352: A Road Less Traveled

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Since the beginning of the semester, the entrance to our campus on Route 352/Middletown Road has been undergoing construction.

The purpose is to resurface the road, and prepare the campus for a new stoplight. While these are nice additions, they are coming at the cost of inconvenience for students.

Furthermore, an additional entrance (which will enter the campus' driveway in the middle of the parking lot) has been in the making for quite a few years now.

Unfortunately, over the course of this semester, the only thing the "new entrance" has done is make the campus less aesthetically appealing, with the presence of construction vehicles and dump trucks.

Students have begun to make liberal use of Old Forge Road, which goes past Fair Acres Retirement Community and Darlington Road.

This road leads to the other end of Yearsley Mill Road, which can then be taken to the campus' driveway.

Feelings towards the construction project among students and faculty have been mixed. Here is what some people had to say:

"It's not going to be any less congested. There's going to be just as many cars, and the traffic will only be dispersed [with the new entrance]."

-Amanda Hirsh
(Junior/Liberal Arts)

"I take the 117 bus. The bus just goes around the construction, thus killing time by passing all the traffic. It gets me home faster."

-Marc Jones
(Sophomore/Sociology)

"This construction has caused me a tad bit of grief."

-Carlo Luciani
(Senior/HDFS)

"It's about time they finished. I have to make a left turn [onto 352], and nobody ever stops. I usually end up taking a detour."

-Ryan Stewart
(Freshman/Accounting)

"It doesn't bother me. I just go around it."

-Justin Koziol
(Sophomore/IST)

"I hope the new entrance makes things easier for students coming from West Chester and other areas in that direction."

-Lary Smythe
(Professor/American Studies)

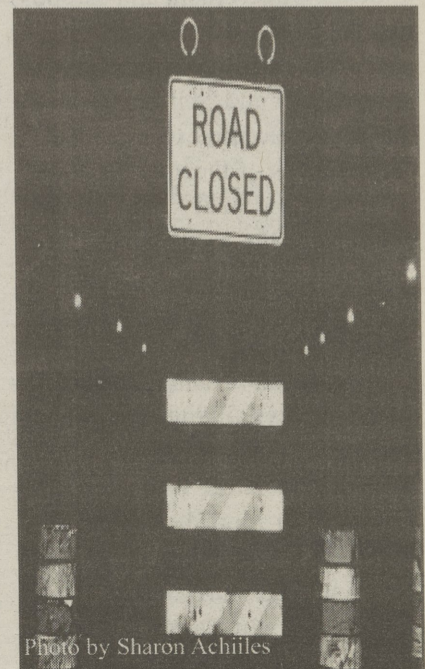


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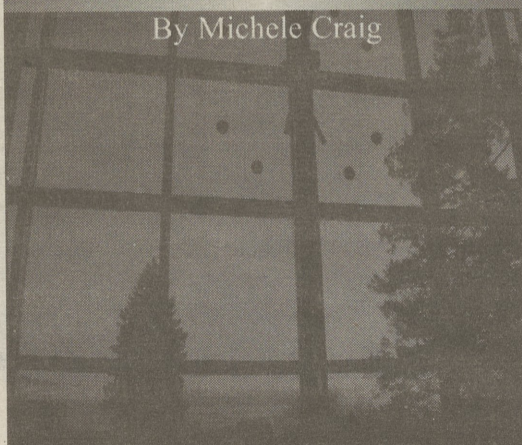
Construction signs, such as this in front of Commons, have stood since the beginning of last semester.

Both Day and Night

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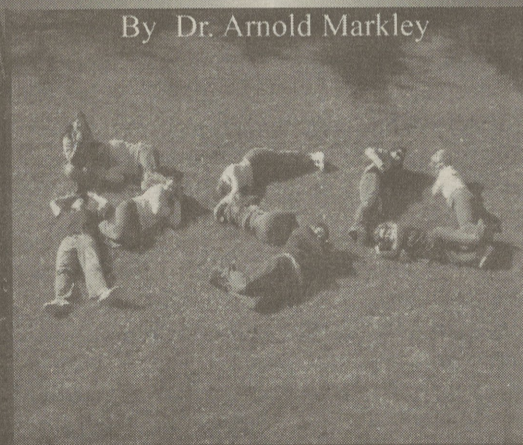
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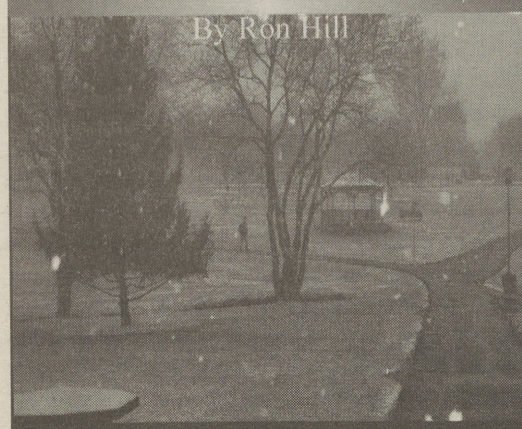
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