

Eye On Campus

Check it Out! The Writing Center

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If you haven't taken advantage of Penn State Brandywine's Writing Center, what are you waiting for? With the help of the professional and peer tutors, you can advance your academic, professional, and even personal writing, for free. The center, located in 312 Main has been helping people for four years now. The tutors aim to make you a better writer by assisting in the process, ideas, and brainstorming of writing. The Writing Center is one of the many academic enrichment services that the school offers, so it would be in everyone's best interest to take advantage of it. Even skilled writers use The Writing Center to benefit from the feedback that the tutors provide. When you come to the Writing Center, you will be welcomed into a casual and comfortable setting. The director, Ms. Pamela Main, has been with the writing center since the beginning. "It's important that students use the writing center" Main said. She also notes that she would like to see more part-time students and students taking upper-level courses using the center.

On average, the center sees about 20 or more students per day in their room, but those who need help from home can also log into The Lion OWL, the center's online writing lab. This website is helpful for students who cannot make it to the writing center but still want the benefits of a tutor. You can work one-on-one with the professional tutors, who also work in Main 312, through a live chat. This is really a great tool for students working on papers at home in the evening. The hours for the OWL are from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday. The Writing Center is also planning to send their peer tutors to The Lion's Den during some common hours throughout the semester for additional one-on-one help.

The center boasts eleven professional tutors which include Pat O'Brien, Marcia Hawks, Ryann Rouse, Mary Pat Bowman, Karen Cuzzolino, Pamela Main, Elaine Gilbert, Kathy De Marco, Joan Impagliazzo, Kathy Yanoshak, and Donna Talis. There are also four peer tutors that include: Adrienne Showalter, Brittany Neimeth, Christina Felizzi, and Martin Manco.

"The Writing Center has a great group of people working here," commented tutor Christina Felizzi. "When you walk in, you feel like you are really welcome."

There is additional information on The Writing Center's website, such as registering for the Lion OWL, which can be found on Penn State Brandywine's website by clicking the "Student Services" tab under "Current Students". The hours of on-campus operations are Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Obama or Clinton? Super Tuesday Results

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With Super Tuesday on February 5th having just passed, the two remaining Democratic candidates, Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) and Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY), are still too close in delegates to attempt to predict a winner. While most people are at least somewhat familiar with Hillary Clinton from her time as First Lady, Barack Obama is a fairly new face to politics, and as a result has brought about a formidable storm in the form of both the younger demographic as well as in minorities. The Super Tuesday results have won a fair number of states, and many people are curious about the Obama's success and future in the primaries. They both seem to be particularly reliant on the college-aged and African-Americans. Both groups are turning out in record numbers to vote.

Based upon the individual state results from February 5th, while Clinton wins most of the counties in Democratic polling, Obama tends to win the cities and densely-populated counties. It appears that even voting in over twenty states cannot determine a frontrunner between the two candidates -- which means that Pennsylvania (an important state, but one that does not usually matter much in the primary season due to its late date of April 22) might finally have a major say in which candidate will win the nomination. Both candidates do appear to be supported by the Democratic voters, so either of the two is acceptable for the average Democrat as the nominee, perhaps causing such a split in the primary vote. However, considering the fact that the race has stayed so close, it is likely that it will run all the way until the end. The winner of this contest will likely face Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) in the national election in November.

Hometown Hero

Name: William DiBruno III - CTT3 DiBruno

Age: 23

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

Service Branch: US Navy Reserve

Title: Crypto Logical Technician Technical 3rd Class

Boot camp: RTC in Chicago, IL. July '03 - September '03

Special Training: Center for Cryptology in Pensacola, FL. September '03 - June '04

Specialty: Military Intelligence/ Electronic Warfare



Photo courtesy of William DiBruno

CTT3 DiBruno graduated from Washington Township High School in Sewell, New Jersey.

In June 2003 he joined the Navy and went directly to boot camp. After completing his training he went to his command, the USS Cleveland LPD7 for four years in San Diego, California until July of 2007. He finished his tour and was then sent to his reserve unit in Baltimore, Maryland.

DiBruno is currently attending Penn State Brandywine majoring in Forensic Science, but he plans to transfer to Penn State Main Campus. Although DiBruno is currently a reserve, his force can be reactivated at any time. He will remain a reserve for three years and can then choose whether to return to active duty or end his tour. DiBruno's goal is to graduate from PSU and re-enlist as either an intelligence officer or a fighter pilot.

If you want to honor your hometown hero in The Lion's Eye, please send the following information to Erin Kaskela at eck137@psu.edu.

One Campus, One Book: Global Climate Change Spring 2008 Programs

The following is an update for this semester:

"Penguins and Detectors: Climate Research in the Southern Ocean"
presented by Dr. Daniel B. King
(Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Drexel University)
March 25, 2008 at 11:30-12:45 in 101 Main

"The Past and Future of Global Warming"
presented by Dr. Michael Mann
(Associate Professor of Meteorology and Director, Earth System Science Center (ESSC), Penn State) April 25, 2008 at 12:30-2:00 in the Gym

Green Film Fest (organized by Pat Hillen, English):

Films (titles to be announced) will be shown in The Lion's Den from 4:00-6:00. A discussion will follow the film and popcorn will be provided.

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March 5, 2008

Refreshments to be provided courtesy of
Barnes & Noble (Renee Lutz) and Penn State