

Eye On Campus



Honors Program Hosts Constitution Day Open Mic

Religious influence on politics, rap music leading to violence, and Pastafarianism—a religion based on the worship of a flying spaghetti meatball God. These were just a few of the topics brought up in PSU Brandywine's first open forum during common hour on Wednesday, September 17th. The lively and often heated discussions were held in the amphitheater-like courtyard of the Vairo Library. The open mic was organized by members of the Jane E. Cooper Honors Society in celebration of Constitution Day. At the peak of the event, over 100 students and faculty gathered to listen and participate in the forum which was accompanied by free pizza and soda. Seats in the yard were quickly filled and many passersby stopped and crowded around the speaker's area to listen in on the discussions. (photo by David Kao)

Lesson No. 1?

Use The Learning Center

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Do you need help studying? Do you find yourself lost when researching for a paper? Is "cramming" not working for you? Well, your solution is the Learning Center. Operating Monday through Thursday from 8pm to 6pm and Friday's from 8am to 4pm in room 203 of the Main Building, the Learning Center helps students with studying skills, forming studying groups, professional tutoring for every class, help with exam reviews, projects, and hosts workshops throughout the year. Although it is strongly advised that students come early in the semester, the Learning Center is still available to students anytime help is needed.

In addition, the Learning Center offers one to two credits when students sign up for a Service Learning course. Students are given the opportunity to apply what they have learned in class to assist the Philadelphia, Delaware and Chester County areas.

There are currently Penn State Brandywine students helping with the 2008 election, volunteering for the fire department; and assisting daycares and Fair Acres. Students can also gain a credit for

simply coming in and working on their study skills to improve their performance in classes.

Listed below are some upcoming workshops to keep in mind. The Learning Center asks that all students planning to attend sign up a week before the event. The following workshops will be held on Wednesdays in the Main Building room 217 during common hour:

October 8: Reading Efficiently and Effectively (strategies for cutting down on reading/study time)

October 22: Hints for Passing Tests and Exams (even if you aren't sure of the answers)

November 5: Making your Memory Work for You

November 19: Last Minute Exam Preparation

December 3: "Stress!!" Management

If there are any questions, concerns, or scheduling an appointment feel free to contact Norma Notzold, Learning Center Coordinator, at <mailto:non@psu.edu>, call 610-892-1460, or simply stop by.

DeLaney Is New Athletics Project Director

Special to The Lion's Eye

Dick DeLaney plans to offer ideas that will benefit the PSU Brandywine Athletics Department for years to come. As the new athletics project director, DeLaney is charged with evaluating current facilities, making recommendations for maintenance and new facilities, recruiting, mentoring coaches, and bringing new sports to campus.

"I came to Penn State Brandywine because I wasn't ready to retire but wanted to help students and use my expertise in other areas I didn't have time to be a coach," he says.

Since joining the campus this summer, DeLaney has assisted Gastner with researching the need for new fields, including looking at the benefits of a turf field, known to wear well over time and requiring less maintenance. He also mentions that he is looking into needed updates to the tennis and sand volleyball courts.

DeLaney resume boasts experience in a variety of areas, including head basketball coach at West Chester University, working as assistant professor of health and physical education, assistant basketball coach, head baseball coach, head tennis coach, and assistant soccer coach at Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, and serving in various positions with the Middle States Tennis Association and the Great Valley School District.

DeLaney's diverse and extensive work experience qualify him to act as "a facilitator" and mentor to Penn State Brandywine's athletics coaches. He says students have contacted him with interest in men's lacrosse, women's softball, intramural cross-country, golf, and rugby, among others. DeLaney said if he gets "more than a little interest to get things going" the campus might see an increase in its athletics options in years to come.

Math Center - Now In Session

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The Math Center opened this summer in 204 Main, right next to the Learning Center. It was originally the vision of Professors Horowitz and Professor Haloo, who wanted to provide tutoring for students specifically in math. The center's coordinator is now Janeen Madison who has big plans for the center's future.

The Math Center has two basic purposes: partnering with the faculty to provide aid in the classroom, by doing workshops, and having professors tell students about the Math Center. For students, it offers an intimate tutoring opportunity and convenience.

Tutoring is available for students in Statistic classes and classes from Math 3 to Math 140. The students are distributed in groups and by math class based on what time they are available. There are also walk-in times available during common hour; furthermore, if a student's schedule

does not match up with tutoring groups available, the Math Center is willing to try and create another group to meet the student's needs. The Center is also there to help students in the Math 97 program, which offers credits for receiving tutoring. There are currently around 127 students enrolled in the program, and the Center sees an additional 200 students on a weekly basis.

So does it help? Surveys have been taken from Math 3 and Math 110, asking students who have used the Math Center if it has been useful to them. Most students said "yes" and test scores have begun to improve. Madison reminds students that it is "never too late" to get help.

In the next few years, students can expect to see the Math Center offering more night hours, availability for walk-ins and more workshops. Ms. Madison encourages all students who may need to work on their math skills to come by and join a study group. The Math Center and the tutors are very capable and willing to offer help!

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Scholarships Available for International Studies

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Here are numerous scholarships available to help pay for trips and courses to Seville, Spain; Guatemala; Nice, France; and Berlin, Germany. Penn State Brandywine offers the following scholarship:

1) Penn State Brandywine International Studies Award for Penn State Brandywine students. (http://www.brandywine.psu.edu/Documents/Academics/FA08_International_Scholar_App.pdf?cn219)

2) Pennsylvania Commonwealth Education Abroad Scholarship

This scholarship provides recognition and financial incentive to undergraduate and graduate students from Penn State who are enrolled or planning to enroll in officially recognized short-term, faculty-led international programs. These programs are embedded as an add-on or supplement to a semester-length residential course, for which participating students earn credit. Programs usually last from a few days up to a number of weeks. All such programs must involve at least one Penn State faculty leader.

3) Penn State Grant in Aid

The International Programs (IP) office offers named scholarships and need-based grant-in-aid to qualified students participating in Education Abroad approved international programs. Students must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with the Office of Student Aid. Awards are made during each of the three semesters during the academic year.

4) Penn State Diversity Grant in Aid

The International Programs (IP) office offers diversity grants-in-aid to qualified ethnic minority and/or disabled students participating in Education Abroad (EA) approved programs. Funding for these grants is made available through the University's

Equal Opportunity Planning Committee. IP contributes additional funding and staff resources to this endeavor as part of its commitment to give members of under-represented groups greater access to educational abroad opportunities. Eligible students are members of an ethnic minority group or have a documented disability (covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act, 1990). Students must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with the Office of Student Aid.

Diversity Grant-in-Aid Application (DGIA) <http://www.international.psu.edu/studioabroad/>

5) The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Support Grant available to members and non-members.

<http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Scholarships/studyabroad.html>

6) The Gilman International Scholarship Program for U.S. citizens receiving Pell Grants.

<http://www.iie.org//programs/gilman/index.html>

7) Penn State Whole World Scholarship for Penn State undergrads on Penn State programs in non-traditional locations.

The Education Abroad website: <http://www.international.psu.edu/studioabroad/>

Please contact Gail Wray <gbw1@psu.edu> or visit the Penn State Brandywine International Studies website for information on trips, scholarships, and more.

Study abroad is one of the most memorable, life-changing experiences that you will have in college. Please join us this year!