

Delhi People

Plan for a New Agora

Even a casual observer would be hard pressed to miss the buzz of activity on Delhi's Agora this semester.

Construction is well underway to replace the college's aging steam lines, which run from Sanford Hall to O'Connor Hall. Given the extent of the construction, the college is taking the opportunity to redesign the Agora and make it a better utilized area.

The Campus Beautification Committee solicited input from the campus community and offered ideas to the students of the Landscape Contracting Technology program. The students then created a draft which was then used by the contractor.

"Our students played a big part in the conceptualizing of the new

Agora," says Assistant Professor **Birgitta Brophy**. "They helped solidify the final design."

The new improved Agora will include gathering spaces, pedestrian

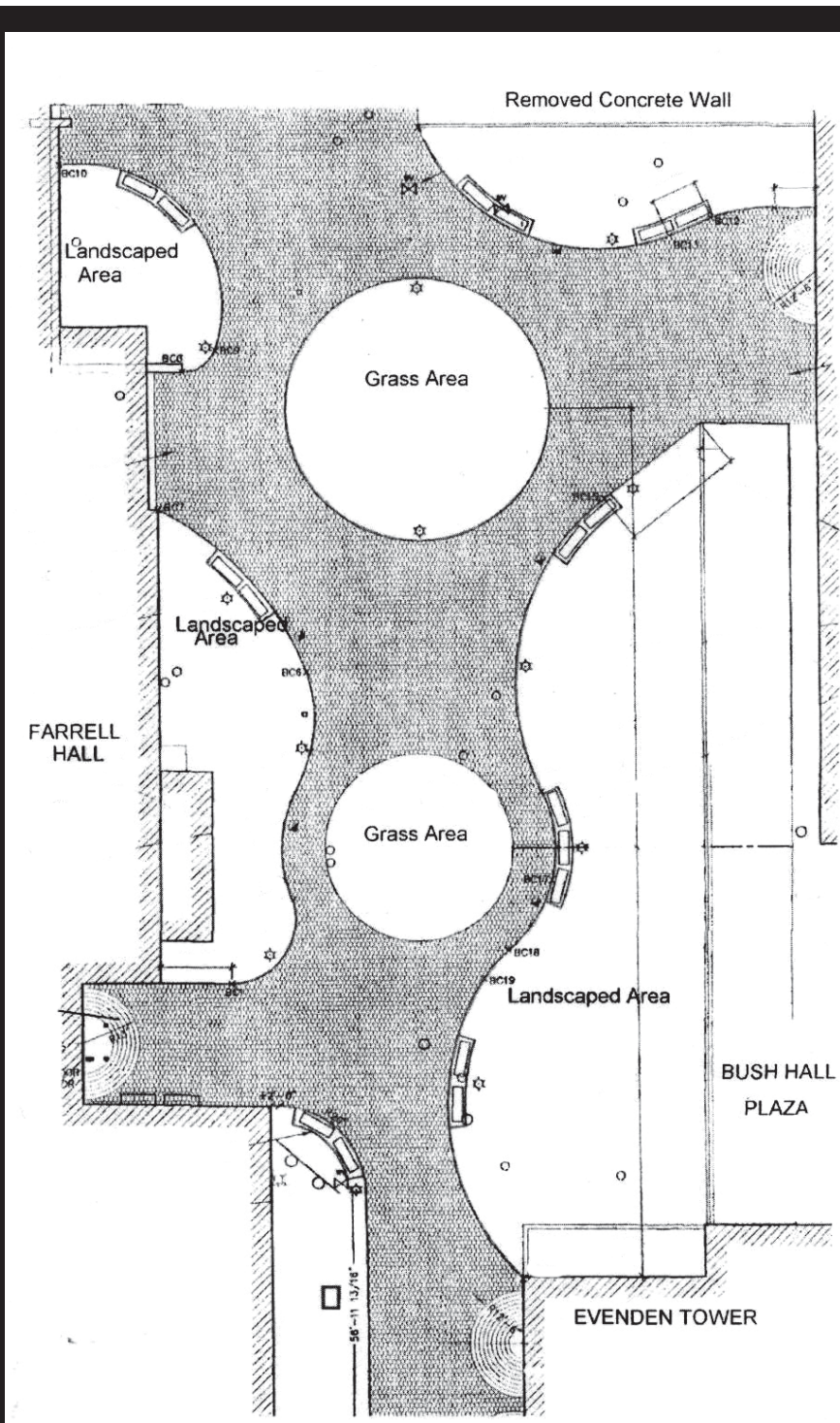
walkways, handicapped access, and lighting. Also in the works are shrubs, flowers and benches that will line brick walkways. Following the completion of the project,

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Congressman John Sweeney announced \$75,000 in appropriations for the Center of Excellence in a press conference on campus in January. Afterwards, he met with Delhi residence assistants and student leaders. From left to right, President Candace Vancko, Joe Ancona, Joshua Imperato, Jason Hilderbrand, Jamie Popiel, Congressman Sweeney, Xiamara Santiago, and Joelle Stairs.

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Delhi's new Agora, which will be completed this fall.

members of the college community will be invited to personalize the bricks for a donation.

Construction will continue for the next eight to nine months. Alternative plans are being made for this year's commencement and orientation, two functions that utilize the agora. Completion of the project is targeted for late this fall.

Growing Awareness

A recent article in *USA Today* has drawn national attention to binge drinking among college students. In response to this national trend, Delhi's Student Life Division is stepping up its approach to student behavior and has asked faculty and staff to join a new Alcohol and Drug Task Force.

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Delhi hosted its first winter commencement with over 40 December graduates participating. Those who participated included: Barbara Jones, Vice President of Student Life; Jackie Andrews, Dean of Information Systems; Brian Hut-zley, Vice President of Business and Finance; President Candace Vancko; Alwyn Cargill, Student Senate President; and Dennis Callas, Provost.

Senior Counselor **Mary Wake**, who is co-chairing the Task Force with Director of Residence Life **John Padovani**, says the Delhi campus has seen a similar trend. “There has been an increase in ER visits for alcohol overdoses over the last two semesters, as well as a jump in our judicial statistics,” says Wake.

In addition to policy enforcement, mandated educational programs and prevention activities, Delhi has targeted students’ perceptions in order to tackle alcohol and drug concerns in the past. The new Task Force, however, will involve the entire campus and local community in addressing the issues. “Everyone needs to be on board to get at the heart of the problem,” Wake says. The committee will look at current campus policies, enforcement, and prevention programming while looking at environmental factors.

“When it comes to alcohol and drugs, it’s important to know what we believe as a campus. That’s why one subcommittee of the Task Force will focus on environmental assessment. They will survey faculty and staff to see what kind of message we’re sending our students,” says Wake. “We need to know across the board if

we are on the same page, so to speak.”

The Task Force will make preliminary recommendations in a report due out on June 1.

Wake adds, “So many volunteers have stepped up. It says people are concerned on campus, and they want to take ownership of the problem.”

Those who have joined the Alcohol and Drug Task Force include: **Alicia Bormann**, Student; **Heather Cochran**, Hospitality Center Coordinator; **William Cooney**, Student; **Tom Fisher**, Assistant Director of Athletics; **John Ford**, Dining Services Director; **Holly Gillette**, Student; **Rick Golding**, Assistant Professor; **Marty Greenfield**, Director of Student Activities; **Eric Johanns**, Health Educator; **Barbara Kaplan**, Secretary to Provost; **Serenity Kimbell**, Student; **Michael Kush**, Assistant Complex Coordinator; **Bob Leary**, Men’s Lacrosse & Women’s Soccer Coach; **Kerry Maroney**, Trainer; **Jim McCartney**, University Police Officer; **Luciana Nativito**, Student; and **Ali Speede**, Coordinator of Judicial Affairs & Community Development.



Q & A with... Bob Klueg

Occupation: General Mechanic, Preventative Maintenance

Birthplace: New York City

Education: Two certifications from SUNY Delhi, carpentry and masonry. I also hold a four-

year degree in Bible and Pre-Seminary Studies from Columbia International University, South Carolina.

What do you like most about your job?

Nothing is ever the same at my job. Even if I’m doing what I did yesterday, it never turns out the same as the day before.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy working with radio-controlled airplanes. I build them, but I don’t like to fly them. It usually takes one bad wreck and all your work is down the drain.

What do you consider to be Delhi’s hidden gem? In my opinion, Delhi’s masonry course is under-appreciated by students and faculty alike. You learn the basics of a good foundation, which is so important. It’s even taught me lessons in life.

What is your greatest achievement? My family. My son is 27 and going to study in China. My daughter, who is 25, is seeking a job at SUNY Binghamton. My wife teaches special education at Andes.

If you could change jobs with someone for a day, who would that be? John Kolodziej. I love to swim and never get a chance to get over to the pool on my lunch break!

Catch Up On CNN and Your Cardio



There's no reason to be a couch potato anymore. Delhi's Fitness Center now features cable television for those who want to tune in while they work out.

Visitors can now watch up to 76 channels on four televisions thanks to the new cable access available in the Clark Field House. In addition to the televisions, 14 monitors have been installed on the cardiovascular machines.

"The technology really adds something to a workout. It's motivated a lot of students to use the Fitness Center," says Tom Fisher, Assistant Director of Athletics.

Kudos

Student **Eli Reid**'s "Twin Towers" was selected for the "Best of SUNY Show" this fall. Five students were nominated by Art Center Advisor **Rhonda Harrow-Engel** to enter their work in the Albany exhibit. Delhi has been participating in the Best of SUNY Show since 2002 and has been the only college of technology ever represented in the program.

Microcomputer Technician **Zach Tucker** passed his Microsoft MCSE Windows XP certification.

The men's basketball team remains number one for the fourth week in the NJCAA Division III Men's Basketball poll. The Bronco men have a strong shot at making a berth in the national championship, which is to be held on the SUNY Delhi campus March 16-18.

Two Professional Development Grants have been awarded by the Deans' Council this month. Hospitality Center Coordinator **Heather Cochran** received \$300 to attend the Fred Pryor Seminar, "Event Planning Made Easy," in April. Instructor **Julee Miller** received \$300 to participate in the American Culinary Federation

Northeast Regional Conference in March. These awards are supported by donations to the College Foundation.

O'Connor Center Coordinator **Martha E. Vink** reports that Delhi students provided over 8,000 hours of community service last year, which is a 25 percent increase over the previous year.

Promotions

Dan Bettman has been promoted from Janitor to Maintenance Assistant.

New Faces

Joe Batchelder joins the Delhi facilities team as a Staff Assistant. He is assisting Physical Plant Director Dave Loveland on the college's capital construction projects. Batchelder holds an A.A.S. in Business Administration from Broome Community College.

Daniel Davis joins the Technology Division as an Instructor for the Automotive program. He holds an A.S. in Applied Technology from SUNY Delhi.

Vicky Hornbeck has been hired as a full-time Cleaner in Evenden Tower.

Out and About

Associate Professor **Marsha Stock** attended the Teaching and Learning with Technology conference in Albany where she served as the SUNY Delhi FACT (Faculty Access to Computing Technology) representative and as a member of the advisory board for the SUNY Training Center.

David Brower, SCCC BBA Coordinator, **Heather Cochran**, Hospitality Center Coordinator, and **Rosalie Higgins**, Dean of Business and Hospitality, led a field trip to the Otesaga Resort and Hotel in Cooperstown for 20 students enrolled in Delhi's Hospitality Management BBA program at Schenectady County Community College.

Rob Mazzei, Director of Enrollment Services, and **Nancy Hughes**, Director of Financial Aid, attended the SUNY meeting for directors of admissions and financial aid. The meeting focused on state budget updates, legal issues and systems updates.

Assistant Professor **Terry Hamblin** and **John Horner**, Coordinator of Undeclared Majors & Individual Studies, presented
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Go Green!



Another successful Faculty and Staff Campaign was celebrated with a reception at President **Candace Vancko**'s house in December. Donors were given the chance to win a number of prizes including a DVD player and gift certificates to many local businesses.

The success of the campaign was thanks to several volunteers who encouraged faculty and staff to support the initiatives, goals and long-range vision for their division and the college as a whole. They included Secretary II **Linda Smith**, Associate Professor **Glenda Bolton**, Dining Services Director **John Ford**, Professor **Joe Greenfield**, Library Director **Pam Peters**, Associate Professor **Mike Petrillose**, Associate Professor **Bill Raynor**, Professor **John Sandman** and Instructional Support Specialist **Manly Shults**. There is still time for faculty and staff to make a contribution. Contact **Paul MacDonald**, Annual Fund Coordinator, at 4602.

lectures as part of Delhi's Faculty Forum series. Professor Hamblin presented "Selling America: The 'Voice of America' and U.S. Radio Propaganda in Western Europe, 1942-1956." Horner presented his research "UFOs: Past and Present."

Associate Professor **Bill Burke** and students from the photovoltaics class visited Sunwise Technologies in Kingston.

Associate Professor **Steve McKeegan** accompanied two students, **Jeffrey Walseman** and **Ernest Edelmann**, to New York City to receive their MOLES scholarship awards. Walseman received \$1,000 and Edelmann received \$1,500.

Residence Director **Sean Babcock** and Associate Professor **Alan Franks** chaperoned 60 students from the DuBois Hall Veterinary Science Living/Learning Environment on a trip to the Bronx Zoo. The students were given a behind-the-scenes tour of the animal facility.

John Padovani, Director of Residence Life, **Ursula Herz**, Assistant Director of Residence Life, **Evelyn Birdsall**, Staff Assistant, and **Jackie Andrews**, Dean

of Information Systems, visited SUNY Cobleskill to explore the implementation of an online housing application.

Residence Hall Directors **Jennifer Brown** and **Lisa Tufariello** organized Delhi's sixth annual Snow Ball, a semi-formal evening event for students.

Linda Weinberg, Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities, presented workshops to area high school teachers from Roxbury, Charlotte Valley, Hunter, Windham, Greene, and to the Northern Catskill Occupational Center on the software Delhi uses to make reading accessible to all students. She also discussed how students who benefit from this software can transition to college.

Information Systems Dean **Jackie Andrews** teamed up with institutional researchers from Binghamton University and Columbia-Greene Community College to present at the Association for Institutional Research and Planning Officers (AIRPO) winter conference.

Their presentation highlighted the role of institutional research on campuses. Andrews is a member of the executive committee of AIRPO.

Project Assistant **Nicole Kirby** presented a workshop, "How to be a Successful Student Today," to high school students enrolled in a college survival course in the South Kortright School District.

In Print

ESL Coordinator **Amy Metnick's** essay, "An Ugly Lamp Sparks the Christmas Spirit," appeared in the December 12, 2005 issue of the *Christian Science Monitor*.



Associate Professor **Lynn Domina** has recently published three poems. "The First Person of the Trinity" appears in the current issue of *Gulf Coast*, and "Now" and "And Then" appear in the current issue of *Marlboro Review*.

Professor **Jack Rose** wrote a review of L. Davis's,

"MindMapX' Innovation and Technology in Computer Science Education" for *Computing Reviews*.

Nursing & Allied Health Department Chair **Mary Pat Lewis** co-authored an article titled "A Qualitative Study of Persons Who Are 100% Adherent to Antiretroviral Therapy," which was published in the journal *AIDS Care*.

Births

Enrollment Services Counselor **Pamela Hilton** and husband **Jeremy** are the proud parents of a baby girl, **Ava Louise**.

New Assignments

Jeremy Moses is now PGM Internship Coordinator. He is working with the Golf/Turf programs to place students in internships across the country.

Share your news with Delhi People!

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