

Delhi People

Gender Benders

There's a wind of change, and it's blowing through the Technology program. More and more female students are enrolling in what have been typically male-dominated programs at SUNY Delhi.

Dave Addison, Dean of Technology, says this trend was particularly noticeable this semester. "It shows there's an openness on the part of female students to enter into careers that are non-traditional," he says. "It's really refreshing to see women are willing to explore fields such as welding, automotive, electrical and carpentry."

Hannah Studt originally came to SUNY Delhi from Smyrna for the Adventure Recreation program, but soon found that carpentry is what she really wanted

to pursue. "I love to camp and hike, so I was attracted to a college that was located in the Catskills. But after helping my family build an addition on our house and repairing a roof for friends, I realized that I could do this for a living and switched majors. With carpentry, I still get to work outdoors!"

Sarah MacEachen from Red Hook already had certification in small engine repair and had worked restoring muscle cars for two years before she enrolled at Delhi. She realized that welding was the only thing she didn't know how to do on a car, so she wanted to learn. "My father was always trying to

find me other jobs, but my real love has been working on cars," MacEachen says. "He's a superintendent of a high school and my mom's a therapist. Most of my family have never worked with their hands, so they couldn't understand why I wanted to do welding. Now they've seen how well I've done, and they're very supportive."

Caitlyn Cunningham from Queens is in her first year as an

automotive student. She decided to attend SUNY Delhi because she wanted to do something technical. "My mom works for the MTA and she knows all that mechanical stuff, so I thought I'd try it."

Virginia Perry-Unger from Gloversville is in her second year of carpentry and has already found there's some notoriety in being one of the few females in her program. "I was able to work

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Delhi women who are breaking down the barriers in Technology: Virginia Perry-Unger, Carpentry; Caitlyn Cunningham, Automotive Technology; Sarah MacEachen, Welding; and Hannah Studt, Carpentry.



Q & A with... Joe Batchelder

Occupation: Capital Project Coordinator

Birthplace: Binghamton, NY

Education: I received an A.A.S. in Business Administration from Broome County Community College.

What do you like most about your job? I like the people. I know that sounds like a canned answer, but it's the truth. My wife recently graduated from Delhi's Hospitality program, and through her experience, I could see how the faculty take their jobs very seriously. They genuinely care about their students.

What do you consider to be Delhi's hidden gem? The shack next to Thurston Hall. It's by far the ugliest thing I've walked by on campus these days. I see it as a capital improvement opportunity. It's a gem in the rough that I'd like to level to the ground and replace with something better.

Who do you most admire? Santa Claus. Wait, I believe that should be "Whom do you most admire?" So, I'll change my answer to English professors.

What is your greatest achievement? Remembering my passwords. If you haven't guessed by now, I enjoy self-deprecating humor. I'm a pretty simple guy. I believe that when something is achieved, it's a lot of other people making things happen.

If you could change jobs with someone for a day, who would that be? A running back for the Chicago Bears. I've always been a big football fan. Anyone who's overweight, over 30, and has a herniated disc can relate.

on the spec house the college built in the village. The project caught a lot of attention locally," she says.

So the big question is...What's it like to work with the guys? "I have a lot of male friends, so I guess I'm used to dealing with them. It helps if you know how to handle the egos," says Cunningham.

Studt agrees. "You'll always have some guys who will look down on you, but if you show them you can work hard, they get over it really quickly."

These four female students have big plans following graduation. Studt's ultimate goal is to balance mission work overseas building orphanages with a career in carpentry. Cunningham plans to return to New York City with skills that can help her land a solid job. Perry-Unger wants to remodel kitchens and baths. MacEachen will have new skills to work with once she has welding under her belt.

"I know that the field is wide open and that I'll find a high paying job with my Delhi education," MacEachen says.

POWERful People

Ever think back to your college days and wish you could thank that professor or mentor who made a significant impact on your life? According to **Bob Leary**, Head Women's Soccer and Men's Lacrosse Coach, too often we fail to acknowledge the people who inspire us to achieve great things. That's why he's created the Faculty/Staff Person of the Week (POW) recognition for his student athletes. "It gives them the opportunity to offer their gratitude," he says.

Each week during the season, a member of the Delhi community is selected by Coach Leary's players to be honored. The faculty or staff member is then invited by the team to attend the week's practices and home games.

Coach Leary says his POW program has benefits in return. "While it's our intention to recognize faculty and staff with this program, it helps them better understand what we ask of our athletes. They see how our athletes manage the delicate balance of competing while performing academically."

So far this season, the women's soccer team has recognized Asso-

ciate Professor **Glenda Bolton**, Instructor **Doug McKee**, Professor **John Sandman**, Adjunct Instructor **Thomas Norris**, and Professor **Lynn Domina**.

Last spring the men's lacrosse team recognized Assistant Professor **Rick Golding**, Associate Professor **Steve McKeegan**, Instructor **James Ellis**, Assistant Professor **Peter Daempfle**, **Mary Wake**, Senior Counselor, and **Kimberly MacLeod**, Communications and Alumni Relations Coordinator.

"We don't have enough weeks in the season to honor all the individuals who have had an impact on the women's and men's teams," Coach Leary says. "That's why we continue to do this every semester."

Alternative Access

To **Linda Weinberg**, Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities, "E-file" doesn't mean taxes. It's the key to making instructional reading materials available to students with disabilities.

"State education laws require the college to make all instructional textbooks available in an alternative format to students with case specific documented disabili-

Special VP Training?



Brian Hutzley, Vice President for Business and Finance, took to the air when a sky-dive simulator visited the Delhi campus. "It was great to see the students have such a good time and that I could be a part of it," says Hutzley. "The activity was another example of the excellent job the Student Activities group does." The simulator was sponsored by the Student Programming Board and Greek Council.

ties," says Weinberg. "And we are required to provide them the alternative format in a reasonable amount of time."

So what does this mean for faculty who are selecting textbooks for their classes? According to Weinberg, it can mean a lot to a student who has a disability. "It's as easy as asking a publisher if they offer a textbook in an e-file format," she explains.

Weinberg points out if faculty give preference to books that have an electronic file version when they are making their textbook orders, it allows the college to obtain a textbook in a flexible format for those who need it.

Faculty also need to consider manuals they have published for their labs and have printed on campus. "All they need to do is send the Word document to me,"

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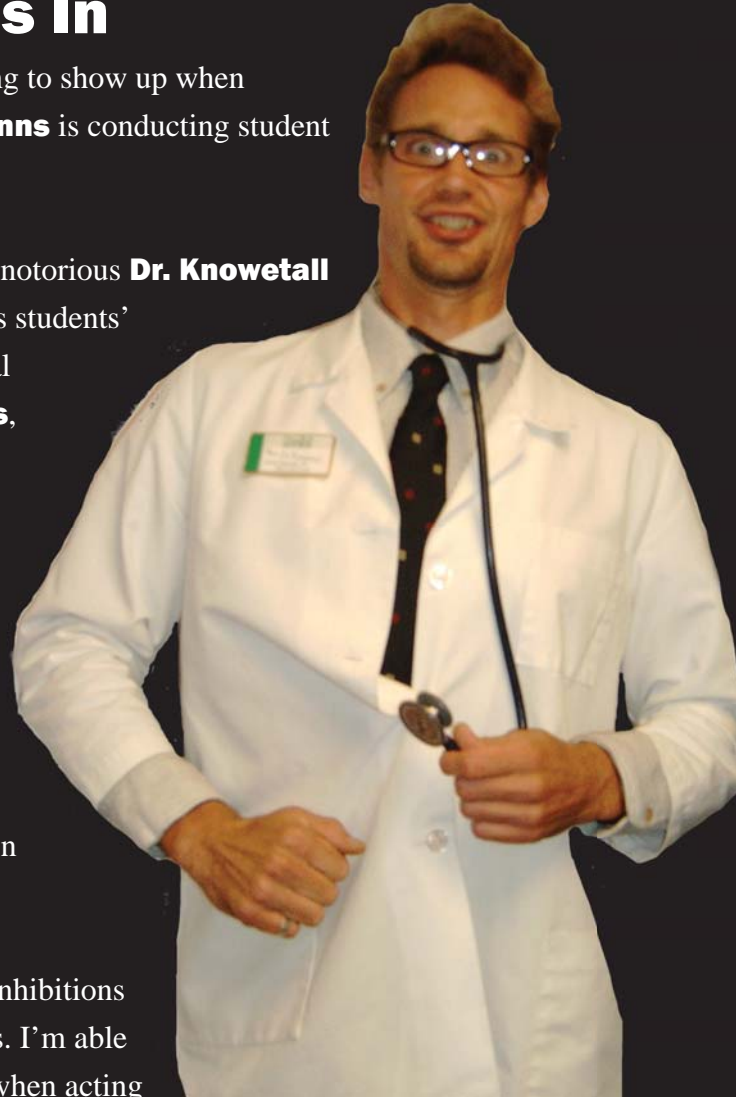
The Doctor is In

You never know who's going to show up when Health Educator **Eric Johanns** is conducting student programming.

With characters such as the notorious **Dr. Knowetall** (pictured here) who answers students' toughest questions on sexual well-being to **Dell Stevens**, the quirky game show host who comes to the Delhi campus from Utica, to quiz athletes on their alcohol awareness, Johanns is a man of many faces. He uses his love of comedic improvisation to encourage student discussion on challenging topics.

"These characters have no inhibitions and don't judge the students. I'm able to break down the barriers when acting the part," says Johanns. "It really relieves the tension when we're discussing hook-ups versus committed relationships, and how much is too much alcohol. The negatives melt away and it leaves room for frank talk."

So how does Johanns come up with these characters? "You can't get through nine years in higher education without a sense of humor," he explains.



Eric Johanns, Dr. Knowetall

says Weinberg. "From this I can easily create an e-file."

Weinberg urges faculty to order textbooks on time and to ask the right questions about access. "While it's not a perfect solution, we can scan a book electronically and then give it to the student. But special permission must be granted by the publisher, and to be compliant, the college must provide the scanned book within 15 days."

If faculty have questions about a particular textbook or need more information about alternative formats, Weinberg says she's only a phone call away. She can be reached at 4593 or weinbell@delhi.edu. For more information on whether a textbook is offered in an e-file, log on to www.publisher.org.

Granting Awareness

SUNY Delhi recently received a \$25,000 grant from the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services to create a public service announcement (PSA) on underage drinking.

SUNY Delhi was one of only 13 colleges and universities across New York State to receive the grant. The funds will put state-of-the-art video equipment in the hands of students to produce a PSA they have scripted on alcohol awareness.

"We had little time to put the grant proposal together," says **Eric Johanns**, Health Educator. "So, it's a real thrill to know that our hard work paid off."

Johanns says the minute-long PSA will follow three students as they face the issues of alcohol abuse. Delhi students will serve as the acting talent as well

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as the crew for the video production.

Delhi's PSA will be entered in a state competition where the best video will be selected from the 13 schools and used to promote the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services' message "Underage Drinking. Not a Minor Problem." Delhi's PSA will also be entered in a national competition.

"As far as programming goes, we know that student-involved projects have a far greater impact on fellow students," says Johanns. "That's the beauty of this project. The video production engages the students, getting them to think deeper about how to present the issues the PSA addresses."

Johanns says now that the college has top-shelf video equipment, he will be able to conduct more innovative programming, such as other health-related PSAs for the student television station, and continue with the positive programming he's launched with the grant.

"We can keep the extreme behaviors at bay if we focus on the general message of students looking out for one another. This video is a great vehicle for that message." Johanns says.

Remembering September 11



The campus community remembered those who were lost on September 11, 2001 with what has become a campus tradition since the national tragedy. Upon each anniversary, students, faculty and staff come together to plant mums in a ring around the college's remembrance tree near DuBois Hall. President Candace Vancko (pictured center with students) and College Chaplain Martha E. Vink made remarks.



The Business and Finance department gathered for a summer retreat at Carol Bishop's camp at Lake Shehawken in Pennsylvania. Back row: **Brian Hutzley**, Vice President for Business and Finance; **Arlene Stoecker**, Calculations Clerk I; **Chad Reed**, Calculations Clerk II; **Carol Bishop**, Controller; and **Steve Smith**, Manager of Purchasing/Accounts Payable. Front row: **Lori Mongillo**, College Accountant; **Judy Wolfe**, Calculations Clerk I, **Cindy Healey**, Bursar (hiding behind Wolfe); **Virginia Bell**, Calculations Clerk II; **Roberta Hudson**, Secretary II; and **Martha Delello**, Clerk I. **Loretta Laing**, Clerk II, took the photo.

Kudos

Associate Professor **Tom Recinella** received a total of \$300 from two sources—the New York

State GRI Funds and the College Foundation Faculty Development Fund—to participate in the American Culinary Federation's Northeast Regional Conference in Pittsburgh this March.

Assistant Professor **Margaret Garramone** received a \$300 professional development grant to participate in the National League for Nursing (NLN) Education Summit in New York City in September.

Assistant Professor **Gary Brackett** recently completed his master's degree in Vocational-Technical Education at SUNY Oswego.

SUNY Delhi's final enrollment figure for the fall semester (the end of the third week) totalled 2,572, with an acceptance rate of 67.7 percent.

Out and About

Margaret Haley, Administrative Aide, and **Nancy Hughes**, Director of Financial Aid, attended the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation's (HESC) Second Annual Loan Symposium in Saratoga Springs. The two-day event included updates on changes in federal and state regulations, as well as a wide range of issues impacting student loans.

Nicole Kirby, Interim Coordinator of Academic Advising, traveled to SUNY Cortland to learn more about College Student Inventory, a Noel Levitz tool that

tracks student success for improved retention. Kirby is exploring the possibility of introducing this product at SUNY Delhi.

New Faces

Patrick Masson has joined the Delhi family as the college's new Chief Information Officer (CIO). Masson has a proven track record in a broad area of technologies. As CIO he will provide oversight, leadership and vision for the college's Computer Information Services (CIS). In his previous position as director of technology for SUNY Learning Environments, he provided technical direction for the SUNY Learning Network and served on several SUNY-wide initiatives, including the SLN Taskforce and the SUNY Portal Evaluation Committee. Prior to SUNY, Masson served as director of the UCLA Media Lab developing scientific and medical applications for education, research and patient care.

Elbia De Jesus and **Mark Bauman** have joined the Enrollment Services team as Regional Counselors to reach out to prospective students in New York City and on Long Island. A native of the Bronx, DeJesus is a recent gradu-

ate of SUNY Oswego where she had considerable experience in the residence life office. She is visiting high schools and attending college fairs in the New York metro area. Bauman is a retired high school principal, math teacher and girls varsity basketball coach from Long Island who is using his impressive contacts to increase Delhi's recruitment efforts there. Bauman holds an M.S. from St. John's University.

Cheri West and **Moriea Gray** have joined the custodial staff as Cleaners.

Brian Groh is a new Grounds Worker for the Maintenance Department.

Philip Walsh has joined the Learning Center as a Professional Tutor. He holds a Ph.D. in Art History from Harvard University.

In Print

Assistant Professor **Peter Daempfle**'s article, "The Effects of Instructional Approaches on the Improvement of Reasoning in Introductory College Biology: A Quantitative Review of Research," will be published in the December issue of *Bioscene: Journal of College Biology Teaching*.

Showing Their Support



The Campus Store staff proudly wore their jeans to work on Lee Denim Day, each donating \$5 to support the fight against breast cancer. They posed in front of the store's new "Pride of New York" display, which features only foods produced locally in New York State. From left to right: **Kathy Davis**, Campus Store Manager; **Eleanor Covell**, Cashier/Store Clerk; **Cecilia Simon**, Cashier/Clerk; **Denise Holcomb**, Cashier/Clerk; and student employee **Sean Burns** of Monticello.

Family and Friends



Student Life welcomed over 1,400 students and their families to the Delhi campus September 30 for what was the largest Family Day event in the college's history.

"It was another successful Family Day," says **Barbara Jones**, Vice President for Student Life. "It was due to our wonderful campus-wide effort. The positive feedback we've received from students and their families has been very rewarding."

Some comments from parents: "We were very impressed with the effort shown by all"; "Seeing my son happy and

doing well in a family-oriented environment was what I enjoyed most"; "It was great to see our daughter for the first time since our tearful good-byes on Orientation Weekend"; "I give the staff a grade of 'A' on Family Day!"

Above clockwise: Students **Toni Ann Posillico** and **Eric Roberts** showed off their balloon sculpture; Students **Vince D'Anjou** and **Dwana Marshall** visited with her family; **Geoff Moore**, Head Men's Soccer Coach, and student athlete **Philippe Mayo** pose at a reception following their 7-0 victory over Adirondack Community College; Professor **Joe Greenfield** was on hand to meet with students and families; and **Sunil Sharma**, **Brent Houston** and **Ryan Williams** of Upsilon Delta Epsilon sold candy and caramel apples for a fundraiser.