

# Don't Miss the Health Fair

By Lisa Ridley

Where can you get a vision test, a blood-sugar test and a manicure for free? At the Health Fair on April 4 and 5. The fair will be held in the Capital Union Building from 10am to 4pm on both days.

"This year we want to make students look interested in the community by helping out," Kresge said. She needs greeters, clowns, student speakers, and people to fill helium balloons. Volunteers can sign up in the Health Office.

Health Services and Pi Sigma Chi are sponsoring this annual event that gives people a chance to have medical screenings at no charge. Local residents and students will be offered an anemia test, a hearing test, a blood pressure screening, a foot exam, and a cholesterol screening (\$5 for this test).

Other organizations will give out information about cancer, poison control, nutrition, and other health-related topics.

Hourly drawings will be held for door prizes donated by local business.

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# Engineers Discuss Problems

By Joe Kupec

Engineering surcharge fees, promoting the engineering technology degree among employers, and personal computer facilities for engineering technology students were a few of the subjects raised by students at the first Engineering Forum which was held February 25 in the auditorium of the Olmsted Building.

The forum, sponsored by the three SGA engineering technology senators, the engineering technology department and the math/sciences department, attracted about 30 faculty members and 100 students.

Professor Welsch explained that the engineering surcharge is intended for non-consumable laboratory equipment like micro-computers. He also explained that none of the money is used to pay salary.

Welsch pointed out that past projects like enlarging the mechanical engineering technology laboratory or using the surcharge along with matching grant money to purchase more micro-computers for the engineering technology program were not intended to discriminate against a particular program.

"We have been buying equipment for programs which would strengthen lab programs for students," he said.

In response to a student's request to have student input on determining surcharge spending for

laboratory equipment, Professor Jerry Bray asked,

"Can I have your age and the number of years that you have been working in the industry?"

Many students expressed concern about the marketability of the technology degree.

Welsch acknowledged that some employers will not hire technology majors but pointed out that the state Engineer in Training exam is open to technology graduates and that the federal government gives an engineering rating to those who pass the EIT exam.

Professor Aungst, MET chairman, told of having lunch with an industry recruiter who was lamenting the fact that there were so few 3.5 GPA graduates in most technology programs.

When Aungst asked him why he came to Penn State Harrisburg, the recruiter replied, "because Penn State graduates can do the job."

"You have to sell the Penn State technology program," Aungst told the students.

A question about the temporary conversion of a drafting room to a computer lab for structural design engineering technology majors led students to ask if the engineering surcharge money was being used to buy computers to which non-engineering students would have access.

Welsch pointed out that the computers purchased with engineering surcharge being used in various labs were not for use by non-technology majors.

Welsch admitted that "...the whole campus is very much in need of computer availability" in response to students' complaints of difficulty in getting a terminal in the computer center.

At the end of the forum, students were asked to address further questions to their SGA senators.

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