

PSU alumni nominated for award

By Pam Eppinger

Mr. Victor E. Foose, former student at the Hazleton campus of Penn State, has been nominated for the 1982 Penn State University Annual Alumni Award. Foose, a 1966 graduate, is not only successful in the business world, but judging from my telephone interview with him, is a very warm and funny person.

Foose now resides in Springfield, Virginia, with his wife, Diane, who graduated from South Dakota State University with a degree in Journalism, and their 18-month-old son, Daniel. Presently, Foose is Program Manager in the Office of Systems Engineering Management at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He has been with the FAA since 1971. For most of those years, he was involved with the development and analysis of concepts concerning a potential satellite communication for use over oceanic areas.

Foose has been all over the world, even to "parts unknown," one might say, in the course of his work. After graduating from PSU in the Electrical Engineering Technology Program, he continued on to receive his BSEE degree with distinction in Electrical Engineering in 1970, and then accepted a job with the FAA as Electronics Engineer with the Systems Research and Development Service.

Here is where his travels become special-

ly interesting. From 1971 to 1975, Foose was a project engineer assisting in the development of satellite communication services for the National Airspace System. He became involved with experimental programs which carried him to places like Samoa in the South Pacific, and the Azores in the Eastern Atlantic, quite exotic areas.

Foose has held some prestigious and noteworthy positions. He was the Technical Representative in the Aeronautical Satellite Coordination Office in the Netherlands. His work, during this period of his interesting, busy life carried him through Europe, Canada, and many parts of the United States.

Foose returned to the United States in August, 1977. It was then that he began to work in the Satellite Applications Program. If, after reading about all this impressive-sounding, technical jargon and Foose's many travels and positions, it seems to you that he has had his fingers in a lot of pies, you are indeed correct! In a study in future oceanic systems improvement, Foose served as the United States Representative on committees, and was sometimes the chairman of such committees, workshops, and international meetings. Here is yet another "pie"; Foose was in the Air Force as an electronics technician working with ground navigation aids (landing, etc.).

Foose presently is working in the area of oceanic study and the

development of a program to investigate the feasibility of reducing vertical separation above 29,000 feet. (I didn't understand this either, at first.) Legally, airplanes are permitted to fly 1,000 feet above each other (for safety reasons) until the altitude reaches 29,000 feet, where they are required to have 2,000 feet between each airplane. Foose and his colleagues would like to change this rule to allow planes to fly 1,000 feet apart above 29,000 feet as well.

Foose has some fond memories, interesting comments and pertinent advice concerning his time at Penn State University. He got an associates degree first, then returned for his BS. He feels that his education here gave him "fundamental knowledge and a solid background." It helped him to grow as an individual, and helped him in his jobs with the FAA.

Foose is originally from Nuremberg, Pennsylvania, which is only about 12 miles from Hazleton. During the course of our conversation, Foose's interest in his "roots" was evidenced. He seemed very interested in what the campus is like now.

When I asked about his favorite professor, he quickly remembered Shaevel. As an Engineering student with many Physics courses, Foose had the opportunity to get to know him fairly well. He also remembers Hauessler.

About the people from PSU he commented, "People up there are very nice. I'm very thankful for the individual attention I received, and for how well they prepared me for the main campus."

I asked Foose if he had any specific advice for students at Hazleton currently enrolled in his major. "Concentrate on the fundamentals," he

replied earnestly. "You will need it. It's quite important to you for your undergraduate studies and your career in later life."

When I called Mr. Foose, I thought I was calling a Hazleton resident. Although he has a different area code, the exchange of his telephone number is 455, like some of the Hazleton numbers. It is not often that one comes in contact with a person who will talk with him so openly at the onset of the first conversation. I called him late at night, from Pennsylvania to Virginia, and he spoke to me as if I were an old friend. Victor E. Foose is a man who has unintentionally given confidence to all PSU students. He's shown that a Penn State University education can really get you somewhere in life. We sincerely wish him happiness and success with his nomination, his job and his family.

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